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**'Let's all pull together'** call as chamber of trade launches survey among town businesses...

# TIME TO ACCEPT SUNDAY OPENING?

**REPORT by JAYNE ISAAC**

**COWBRIDGE traders are to be asked if they will commit to Sunday opening.**

A meeting of the town's chamber of trade on Tuesday decided to carry out a survey of shopkeepers in the town to see what they feel about the idea.

Chamber chairman Alun John said that while many of the shops are run by their owners, and the move could mean some of them working seven days a week, it was time to accept that Sunday is probably the busiest day of the week nationwide for retailing, when many families do their main shop.

However, he went on: "We also feel that unless a large proportion of the retailers on the high street are prepared to open, it will look half-hearted and not benefit anyone significantly."

He urged traders to reply to the questionnaire and added: "This is an important and contentious issue."

One of the traders who has suggested Sunday opening is Alison Williams of Pebble, who opens her own shop on Sundays, together with a few other traders.

She said that the success of the day varies – from being dead to being her busiest day of the week.

In Mumbles, where she also has a shop, a number of shops are now opening and business is good. Staff are willing to work because of the extra money and it did not encroach too much into family life.

She went on: "I think we are too close to Cardiff not to be open on Sundays. At the moment, we are only giving couples who work a chance to shop with us on Saturdays."

She said that if the town was trying to promote itself as a short break destination, people would wake up on Sunday mornings and find shops closed.

She added: "We have to be realistic. It will take six months to build up a Sunday customer base. All the shops in Mumbles have a sign in their windows saying that they are open on Sundays."

The chamber of trade is looking at ideas to increase footfall in the town, following closures recently of shops including the Cowbridge Art Gallery, Terminal 9, the Celtic shop, Farthings, Sanders shoe shop and the imminent closure of Quills. Cowbridge shopper Heather Simpson, who visits the town frequently from her home in Llantwit Major, said that she had counted nine shops closing in recent months, leaving empty shops on the Cowbridge high street.

Mrs Simpson, who has worked in retailing and marketing, said that the closures could be caused by a combination of high rents being charged to shops by landlords and possibly an excess of shops catering for the top end of the market.

"Cowbridge landlords need to wake up and realise that they cannot charge the high rents of the past," she said. "And the shops themselves need to broaden their appeal.

"Yes, there's a place for exclusive shops selling high quality and expensive items, but if Cowbridge wants to draw in more people, it also needs more shops selling items that are in a lower price bracket."

The chamber of trade has engaged a PR agency using a grant from Creative Rural Communities to improve the marketing of the town.

Cardiff-based Freshbaked PR is to promote Cowbridge as a tourist destination for short breaks.

It will also help develop new events to draw in people throughout the year. These will sit alongside the successful fashion week, reindeer parade and food and drink festival.

At the time that the agency was appointed, Mr John said that Cowbridge was not immune to the effects of the recession.

He added: "The recent completion of St David's 2 and the opening of John Lewis in Cardiff has heightened the competition facing Cowbridge as a quality shopping destination. Consequently, we have brought on board a PR agency for the first time to help us raise the profile of Cowbridge."

Mr John repeated that message at the annual meeting of the chamber last week and he said that the past year had been challenging for businesses and he felt it would remain so for some time.

He said that while sales figures seemed to be holding their own, he wanted to boost visitor numbers, as footfall was down.

He was also concerned about the number of businesses that have closed in recent weeks.

He urged all businesses to join the chamber so that everyone could work together to increase trade in the town.

He added that it was also important that the chamber work with other organisations, so that everyone is pulling in the same direction.

## 'FOODBANK' NEEDS HELP

***THE organisers of the Bridgend Foodbank are looking for help at a fundraising event.***

***The charity, which distributes food to families and individuals in crisis throughout the area, is doing a 'bag packing' and collection at Tesco in Cowbridge Road on Friday, July 23, at 12 noon until 2pm.***

***For more information, telephone Gerald Manners on 01656 658370 or 07855 174092.***

# Judge resigns after allegations over personal conduct

**THE Office for Judicial Complaints has announced that a judge has resigned after questions were raised about his personal conduct.**

Judge Gerald Price QC (61) had been suspended while the Lord Chancellor investigated whether he had breached the judicial disciplinary code, following allegations of a personal relationship with a 'rent boy'.

In a statement, a spokesperson for the Office for Judicial Complaints said: *"Gerald Price QC, a Circuit Judge who was appointed to the Wales Circuit in 2000, has resigned from judicial office following an investigation into allegations about his conduct originally published in the media in June 2009.*

*"While the media reported a number of allegations against Judge Price, the judicial investigation only focused on those that had an impact on his role as a judge.*

*"The investigation found that his actions brought the judiciary into disrepute, rendering his position untenable."*

The spokesman said that Judge Price had been told before Christmas that his conduct warranted removal from the bench.

*"In the light of the investigation, the Lord Chancellor and Lord Chief Justice informed the judge in December 2009 that they considered his behaviour merited removal from office.*

*"In accordance with the judicial discipline regulations, Judge Price was entitled to ask for their decision to be reviewed by a Review Body panel.*

*"He did so and the panel was chaired by Lady Justice Smith. The panel agreed with the original decision of the Lord Chief Justice and Lord Chancellor and recommended that Judge Price should be removed from office.*

*"The judge has, however, resigned before the disciplinary process was formally concluded. His resignation took effect from June 30, 2010,"* the spokesman added.

## TWO SKYDIVE FOR CHARITY

***Laura Williams, and her father David, prepare for their 13,000 foot skydive. (Please turn to page 3 to find out how their adventure went).***

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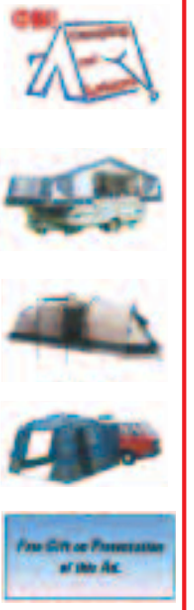

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## Women's choir were in fine voice

**I attended an excellent recital by new women's voice choir 'Belladonna' at Cowbridge Town Hall on July 2. The event was sold out and the first public performance by this new local amateur choir, supported by professional singers, was remarkable. This was great value for money and I look forward to further Belladonna events.**

**Anthony Childs-Cutler**

## PRIDE STARTS AT HOME!

**PRIDE in Barry is a wonderful concept, but sometimes such pride starts at home; consequently, may I appeal to our Barry Town councillors to tidy up their own backyard, namely the hedgerow at the rear of the Barry Memorial Hall, where it runs alongside St Paul's Avenue.**

Not only is this unkempt and overgrown, with brambles starting to pose a snagging hazard to passing pedestrians and pets, but for months it has been a haven for ancient black bags, discarded drink cans and general fly-blown rubbish.

On the other hand, this could just be a wicked plan to add some local colour for the 'Gavin and Stacey' tourists who, I understand, have started to flock to our gem on the south Wales coast.

I hope I am wrong.

**Christopher Short, Barry**

## Where has road money come from?

**OUR new Vale MP seems to be singing from the same hymn sheet as the last one; has the waste of millions spent on the Red Dragon hangar slipped his mind, fought for, long after it had no work coming in?**

All the talk is of new jobs: they are mostly transfer jobs with an effect on other areas such as Abotfield, Blandford, Cranwell, to name a few.

But as I have said previously, what is to go on outside the boundary area is of as much concern to this once peaceful area. Already there are alterations planned for the concrete road, Burton bridge, Weycock Cross. Some may welcome the changes, but most have come to live in a rural area not an urban one.

How large traffic is to come from Culverhouse Cross through Barry beats me.

Many improvements are welcome, such as Five Mile Lane, but where is the money to come from, and how has it been mysteriously found? What's more, these alterations need to be done prior to the site commencing – no small task as most involve agricultural land.

Which reminds me, isn't the government concerned about food production in years to come?

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## What if the cuts 'medicine' makes the country sicker?

**IT is reasonable for the Government to follow a policy of reducing the deficit and attempting to stimulate small businesses with carefully-designed inducements, in order to respond to the wishes of the 'money markets', in accordance with a plan which wins their approval, as they understand economics from their own perspective.**

However, if this 'medicine' and 'pain' which they, the bankers, consider to be so essential for the country's recovery, damages the national economy to the extent that the circulation of currency and the purchasing power of millions is reduced by unemployment and by VAT increases, then small businesses will not be able to respond as the Government hopes, in adopting such advice.

The first law of economics is that every business needs customers with money in their pockets. The money men who proposed these savage cuts on the living standards of other sections of society, may well be quite sincere in their intention later to invest in the economy – but they will be quite unwilling to invest in those businesses which they had hoped to encourage, if they then observe that customers are not knocking at the door.

Tax breaks from the Government gave them hope, but only customers, circulating money, build and expand businesses.

The best hope for this economy, and for any economy, is, and always was, the involvement of every citizen, in producing goods, providing services and consuming the necessities of a civilised life style in the 21st century.

That is a more stable and secure basis for the operation of all economic and market forces. Feudalism, the separation of society into the Haves and the Have-nots, was never a reliable model for sound economics.

*It really is not smart to take the risk to go in that direction, once more.*

**CN Westerman, Brynna**

## 'Anglers not there to cause any trouble'

**I WOULD like to reply to the letter in The GEM by Mr Stephens of Rhoose, on fishing in the lagoon at Rhoose.**

Quite frankly, I'm baffled by his comments. I am an avid fisherman (for 20 years) and so are around 15-20 of my friends.

We generally go as a group of 5-10 people, and are not there to cause trouble, but just to enjoy ourselves fishing peacefully.

The area of land is in the hands of the receivers and council tax doesn't come into effect here.

How are we to get youngsters to take up a sport/hobby if some people don't give them a chance?

Maybe we should all give up and let the hoodlums carry on as they were before.

**R Clarke, Llantwit Major**

## 'So glad to catch up with our GEM!'

**WE have been away from home for a month and our wonderfully tidy house-sitters have recycled our June copies of The GEM.**

We read it from cover to cover each week.

In particular, we are sorry to have missed our regular armchair walk with the Penarth and District Ramblers.

We would be really grateful if you could tell us where we can obtain back copies.

**Ted and Roma Broadbent**

PS Grateful thanks go to all the wonderful volunteers who give up their time to clean up the local beaches. (Story in a recent GEM).

It is much appreciated, even if we don't always remember to say 'thank you' – and makes a trip to the beach much more pleasant for everyone.

***FOOTNOTE:** Your kind words are much appreciated. Each edition of The GEM is now available on-line each week and is completely free of charge to view. Website addresses are printed at the foot of Page 2 each week.*

## 'Please support Galilee project'

**I WOULD like to thank Viv Kelly for his excellent and informative article in The GEM on the plans to develop the Galilee Chapel.**

The refurbished Galilee Chapel and the freed-up space in the West Church will together create a fantastic community resource – the largest in Llantwit Major – and will be open to all sections of our community. The display area for the Celtic stones should also become a major tourist attraction.

As a fellow committee member, I would welcome interest and involvement from anyone who thinks that this space might be useful to their group.

The Galilee Chapel project has a website through which you can contact us: www.illtudsgalileechapel.org.uk.

Please also support the project by joining our Facebook page – just search for Galilee Chapel. We need all the support we can get to secure Heritage Lottery funding to make this project a reality.

**Nick Lloyd James, Llantwit Major (Galilee Chapel committee)**

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

**(UNTIL JULY 22)**

***The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.***

| DATE | Time AM | Ht M | Time PM | Ht M |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 15 Thur | 09.49 | 9.8 | 22.02 | 10.2 |
| 16 Fri | 10.27 | 9.6 | 22.54 | 9.8 |
| 17 Sat | 11.19 | 9.3 | 23.34 | 9.3 |
| 18 Sun | | | 12.06 | 8.8 |
| 19 Mon | 00.31 | 8.7 | 13.03 | 8.4 |
| 20 Tues | 01.25 | 8.3 | 14.09 | 8.0 |
| 21 Wed | 02.44 | 7.8 | 15.21 | 7.7 |
| 22 Thur | 03.59 | 7.8 | 16.39 | 8.0 |

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*Heather is surrounded by her many well-wishers following the ordination.* PHOTOGRAPH BY **MIKE WILCOCK**

## 'Roof-raising sense of hwyl and praise'

# Heather's ordination is in the true Welsh style!'

**THE ordination of Heather Weddell at the United Free Church, Cowbridge on Sunday, July 11 was a well-attended event.**

The chapel was filled to the galleries, with more than 150 people present.

There were those who have known Heather for many years, along with the church family, and folk she has come to know during her four years in Cowbridge.

Also present were the Mayor and Mayoress of Cowbridge with Llanblethian and the Vale AM, Jane Hutt.

Several people, including her parents, spotted a pure white dove flying over the church just before the service started – a symbol of peace and of the Holy Spirit.

The service was led by Rev Andy Hughes, Regional Minister of the South Wales Baptist Association and the address was given by Rev Frances Miles.

Frances, who was Heather's parish priest ten years ago; travelled from the west country to take part in the service, and was instrumental in the journey to where Heather is now.

The ordination also included other clergy and lay people from the local church, from churches in Bridgend where she was previously in ministry, the university chaplaincies and St Michael's Theological College, where she trained for the ministry.

Heather was presented with a Bible and a clerical shirt by the church, and there were statements from the church, the college principal, the Baptist Association and from Heather herself.

In true Welsh non-conformist style, there was much singing, including many contemporary worship songs, together with some old favourite hymns.

The songs were led by Tracey Collins, once a member of UFC, who travelled all the way from Cornwall to support Heather and take part in the service.

She was accompanied by the UFC Worship Band, with Huw Williams providing additional support in the shape of drums; and a harp duet played by Amelia Collins and Ioan Wardhaugh. With the help of the congregation, it created a full bodied, roof-raising sense of 'hwyl' and praise.

Thanks go to everyone who worked so hard and made the whole event a deeply spiritual and love-filled occasion for all present.

**STEVE HARKETT**

# Rotarians' awards handed to worthy young citizens...

**THE Cowbridge Comprehensive School presented its first-ever Key Stage 3 award ceremony at the local leisure centre on July 6 when the Rotary Club presented a citizenship award to Hannah Woodward and an endeavour award to Craig Boxall.**

**Each year, the Rotarians present grants certificates to young people who show responsible behaviour, helpfulness and concern for others.**

*ABOVE and BELOW: Dr David Pierce of Cowbridge Rotary Club made the award presentations.*

## Village fete at Llandow

*LLANDOW village fete will be held at the village hall on Saturday, July 17, starting at 1.30pm, and will be opened by BBC Wales presenters and Vale residents Lucy and Rhodri Owen.*

*There will be a special appearance by Hana from S4C and Channel Five series Hana's Helpline.*

*Fun and games for all the family include a barbecue, bouncy castle, DJ, children's races and the annual 'Llandow v Rest of the World' tug of war will be a highlight of the afternoon.*

# Vale AM wants to keep workers at MoD St Athan

*ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM with Archie Hughes, chief executive DSG, Adrian Mathias, head of business LABU, and Anthea Pryer and Colin Barbour (DSG trade union representatives).*

**THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, recently visited St Athan, where VC10 repairs and maintenance are carried out by a highly-skilled workforce in the super hangar.**

**With nearly 400 people currently employed, negotiations to secure the best deal with this workforce for their future employment prospects are under way for when the MoD contract ceases in the coming months.**

**Ms Hutt said: "It was important to meet with the VC10 workforce trade union representatives and the VC10 teams, as well as the management, to clarify the position regarding future prospects for this highly skilled and committed work force at DSG St Athan.**

**"I am following up their concerns with the new MoD and Cabinet Office Ministers to make sure the interests and future prospects of the VC10 workforce are fully and properly recognised," she stated.**

# Front room shop to retail giant...

## LLANHARRY WI NEWS

**VICTORIA and Stuart Price were the speakers for the July meeting. Victoria is the eldest daughter of the late David Leeke, author of 'An Ironmonger's Tale', published in 2007, which tells the story of the retail and leisure group, Leekes.**

Sadly, shortly after the book was published, David passed away.

Victoria and Stuart are now giving talks to local organisations about the humble beginnings of the well-known family business.

Members heard how the business began as a small ironmongery in the front room of a terraced house in Tonypandy by James Leeke.

In 1977, the Llantrisant superstore was opened, followed by stores in Cross Hands and Melksham. In 1994, the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel, the sports and leisure complex and golf course was opened and is used by the general public, national sports teams and celebrities.

It was a fascinating story, enjoyed by everyone.

The competition, a DIY tip, was judged by the speakers and won by Pauline Charles.

A business meeting followed and Shena Sarjeant, who was the link delegate at the AGM in Cardiff, gave a comprehensive report of the meeting when the highlight of the day was a performance by Only Men Aloud.

Members were given final details of the trip on August 4 to Llanwrtwyd Wells, followed by afternoon tea at Llangoed Hall, Llyswen.

**JR**

# CHARITY SKYDIVE IS A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR LAURA AND HER DAD!

**A Cowbridge beauty therapist took her life in her hands on Saturday, July 10 – skydiving from 13,000 feet to raise money for Cancer Research Wales.**

Laura Williams (22) of Karma Beauty, Cowbridge, was accompanied by her father, David Higgins (45). The family live in Llandow, and Laura and David managed to raise more than £800 in the skydive at a Swansea airfield.

Laura, who was also a Miss Vale of Glamorgan finalist, thought of the idea of a tandem skydive – in which an instructor jumps along with the novice – after catching the charity bug through Miss Vale and her charity work at Karma Beauty.

She told The GEM: "Skydiving is something I have always wanted to do. Since raising more than £200 for The Joshua Foundation, via Miss Vale, and Help for Heroes as the charity of the year at Karma Beauty, I wanted to do something different for another charity that helps out in our area.

"My father was immediately up for the challenge, which really surprised my mum – because usually we can never get him in a plane, let alone jump out of one!"

"I wasn't scared while I was sitting in the plane. My father went first, but as I prepared to jump, my heart started to go.

"When we jumped, the first few seconds were terrifying – then the adrenaline kicked in and I began to enjoy it.

"We were descending at 120mph, although it didn't feel that quick. The views of the Swansea bay were spectacular."

Laura's boyfriend Alex, who is serving in the Navy, drove up from Portsmouth especially to witness Laura's daredevil antics.

"He was more scared than I was, and was safely on the ground!"

Laura's dad said it was "an amazing experience" and would definitely jump again.

Laura, though, would prefer to keep her feet firmly on the ground: "It was a fantastic day, and I'm so glad I did it, but I won't be doing it again in a hurry!" she said.

## COWBRIDGE BRIDGE NEWS

**THE latest results from bridge clubs in Cowbridge are as follows:** .

**Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club, July 5.**

First: Mike Best and Liam Sheridan with 61.65 per cent.Second, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler (59.90); third, Joan Jenkins and Jane Brook (55.21); fourth, John Evans and Terry Reilly (54.95); fifth, Jackie Chugg and Ann Ferris (53.69); sixth, Amy Owen and Chris Morgan (52.84).

**Cowbridge and District Bridge Club, July 6.**

First, Marian East and Pauline McAllen (65.48); second, Mearl Owen and Debbie Rosevear (62.30); third, Teri Pollard and David Wright (56.75); fourth, Amy Owen and Glenda Roberts (56.35 ); fifth, Irene Daniels and Marion Arnold (53.57); sixth, Pam Higgs and Joyce Birmingham (50.00).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL**

***Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynewydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303***

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**THE following matters were reported to have been discussed at the Llangan Community Council meeting on July 5.**

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend this meeting, so I will apologise in advance for any inaccuracies.

### Halls inspected

**FOLLOWING a visit to the Community Hall at Treoes by a structural engineer, there appear to be several issues which need to be discussed.**

The structural features of the building need to be fully investigated. To date, the clerk to the council has not received any information.

The structural engineer visited Llangan Community Hall, but would not commit himself until he has consulted with the building control department and will send a report to the council clerk.

The hall committee have been successful with their application for their 'Kick-Start III' match funding for a project.

### Kerb concerns

**RESIDENTS living in the Twchwyn Garth area of Llangan are becoming increasingly concerned by the deterioration of the kerb stones put in place to help prevent excessive rainwater running towards the homes.**

Now it seems drivers of heavy lorries are using the area as a turning point to avoid driving over the bridge.

This problem was brought to the notice of the council by Coun Linda Vafidis. A report would be sent to the Vale of Glamorgan Council to see if anything can be done to discourage heavy vehicle drivers.

### *Final reminder!*

***St Crallo's, Coychurch, will hold its annual barbecue and fete on Saturday, July 17. The fun begins at 2pm, everyone welcome.***

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# Bonvilston 'open gardens' day 'a great success'

ALL PHOTOGRAPHS **by PAUL FISHER**

**HOMES in Bonvilston were open recently to raise funds for the National Gardens Scheme charity.**

**It was the first time that the gardens had opened as part of the scheme, and organisers were delighted with the response, as hundreds of visitors descended on the village.**

**A spokeswoman for the organisers said that they would like to thank everyone who had attended, and all who had helped on the day.**

***Above and left The colourful sight that met visitors to Bonvilston gardens.***

# Choir sings for Llancarfan church paintings project

*An example of one of the wall paintings.*

*ABOVE: flowers for the choir's 'boss'.*

**AS reported recently in The GEM, St Cadoc's Church in Llancarfan is becoming the focus of widespread interest, following the accidental discovery of rare medieval wall paintings, hidden for centuries under many layers of paint.**

**News of the finding is spreading and has recently attracted visitors from as far away as Texas.**

**Following the award of a £24,600 grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Parochial Church Council is now committed to an ongoing programme of fundraising for preservation of the paintings and other restoration projects.**

**To boost the campaign, the PCC invited the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir to perform a special concert, which was staged last Saturday in the church.**

**On a beautiful summer evening, the church was packed with local residents and visitors who enjoyed a widely varied programme of music selected by the choir's musical director, Shelley Thomas Brown.**

**Then, after the formal concert, the choristers sang spontaneously for their supper when they mingled with concertgoers in the nearby church hall to enjoy the vlllagers' post-concert hospitality.**

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# CCTV assists with four arrests

**CCTV, working under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership assisted with four arrests and the location of one missing person in the week ending July 11.**

CCTV contacted the police on 25 occasions, with two arrests made at Holton Road; one concerning assault (July 5) and the other for being wanted on warrant (July 8).

Two arrests were made on July 11 – the first at Broad Street, Barry, involving theft of a motor vehicle, and the other at Vere Street for alleged assault.

In addition, a missing person was located at Dunlin Court on July 5.

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# School harpists are stars of the show

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**THE Ewenny Youth Music Festival was held recently at Ewenny Priory, and one of the star acts was a harp ensemble, made up of pupils from two Vale primary schools..**

**Perhaps not surprisingly, the majority of the ensemble comes from the Welsh medium Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, and this school contributes 10 to the group (all girls).**

**Completing the line-up are two boys from Llangan Primary School – Rhys and Ioan Wardhaugh.**

**The Iolo Morganwg girls are: Nia Fenn, Carys Lewis, Seren Hamilton, Gwennan Thomas, Hannah Jones, Elinor Parsons, Lili Devonald, Angharad Llion, Anwen Fardy, and Nia Paddison-Rees.**

## ATLANTIC CHORALE

*ST DONATS Atlantic Chorale are holding their summer concert at the Bradenstoke Hall, St Donats Castle, on Sunday, July 18, at 4pm.*

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***For further information, telephone 01446 750663.***

## Holiday clubs planned

***ONCE again, plans are afoot for Cowbridge holiday clubs run by local churches.***

*This year, the plans are slightly different, with two separate clubs being planned.*

*First, on Thursday, July 22, there will be a one-day holiday club extravaganza.*

*This will be held from 10am to 3.15pm, and is for five to 11-year-olds.*

*The club will be held at Cowbridge Youth Centre and the cost is £5. To book, email hevtherev@googlemail.com or telephone Heather on 07835447289.*

*Activities will include craft, songs, drama, climbing wall, cooking and more, so book now as places are limited!*

*The second holiday club will be held on Friday, September 3, and is from 5pm to 9.30pm. This is for 11 to 16-year-old children. Again, booking details are as above.*


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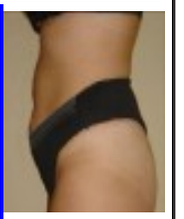

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# Noisy neighbour gets final warning

**by AJ SICLUNA**

**AN unruly neighbour has been warned at Cardiff Crown Court that unless she behaves, she could end up behind bars.**

Alison Dondera (49) of Penarth, had admitted two charges of breaching an anti-social behaviour order.

Recorder Charles Fox, told her: "Whatever you think of your neighbours, your behaviour was indefensible.

"It must be absolutely shocking living next door to you when you start ranting and raving and playing music loudly."

Dondera was sentenced to eight months imprisonment suspended for a year and made subject to a supervision order. She received a further two months to run consecutively, also suspended for a year, for the breach of a community order which had been made in respect of the breach of another ASBO.

The Recorder also imposed a further ASBO to last five years.

Prosecutor Owen Williams said that Dondera had been made subject to the orders which involved her being banned from anti-social acts relating to residents of Laburnum Way and Hawthorn Avenue, Penarth, and in particular, a neighbour Mrs Deborah Kay.

On February 3, said Mr Williams, she contravened the order by shouting obscenities at Mrs Kay.

Three days' later, at 8am, Mrs Kay heard shouting and loud music and a song coming from Dondera's home,which included the line : "L*iving next door to Alice, Alice, who the .... is Alice*?"

The court heard that Dondera had a conviction for racially aggravated harassment.

Her counsel, David Maunder, said: "This is a difficult case and her behaviour has to be contained in the future.

"There has been bad feeling on both sides which has spiralled out of control."

The court heard that Dondera had been in custody 138 days.

The Recorder pointed out that she had no psychiatric problems and should control herself.

"If you decide not to accept the help we are giving you, you will end up back in prison," he said.

*ABOVE: Friends Matthew Venton, Gary James and Craig Stephenson are inviting Vale people to Barry Island Social Club on Sunday evening to a fundraising event in support of a young family who have lost their father.*

# 'Island Life' remembers truly great friend... *and rallies to support his grieving young family*

**by TIM CHAPMAN**

**SOMETIMES a family suffers a loss so devastating it is difficult for them to see the goodness in life – until the community rallies to their support.**

On May 23, at the age of just 41, a popular Vale man Simon Mortimore-Brown, took his own life, leaving his partner Carol, and three children aged seven, 10 and 16.

His brother Craig Stephenson told The GEM: "It was a huge shock. He was a well-liked, friendly person.

"He was a 2nd Dan instructor and ran a Tae Kwon Do club in Llantwit Major and two in Barry – lots of local youngsters knew him."

One of his friends, Matthew Venton, recalled Simon as a man who was always making a contribution to the local community.

"Simon helped to paint the nursery and play area at Barry Island School, and worked on the gardens that overlook the dock.

"If any of the local children needed their bikes fixed, like a puncture, they would go to him and he'd do it for them."

Following the funeral, his family and friends decided they had to do something in Simon's memory and to help Carol and the children.

What they came up with was 'Island Life – In Memory of a Friend'– a live music night at Barry Island Social Club this Sunday (July 18) from 6pm to 11.30pm.

In the words of Craig's wife, Simone: *"It's an opportunity to celebrate Simon's life, and to remember him in a nice way*".

The idea for the 'Island Life' event came from a resident, who did not know Simon personally, but was moved by the family tragedy.

Gary James explained:

"I moved to the Island five years ago and got to know Matthew and through him, also met Craig, Simon's brother.

"I attended the funeral and wanted the community to do something positive for the family."

The organisers hope that money raised from the evening will enable Carol to take the children away for a holiday.

Matthew added: "Tickets for the event are £5 and people are very welcome to come on the night.

"We've got the ACAB band and the Leighton Jones band, and there will be guest performers too.

"We've been amazed at the response of the many businesses and individuals who have sponsored prize raffles and offered help in other ways."

*Carol told The GEM that the event had her full blessing.*

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# BHF fundraising

**LOCAL men Chris Price and John** ***Lewis from Rhoose, and Antonio Tammaro from Barry, have trekked 65km across Iceland over six days, to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation.***

***Chris, a financial adviser and John, now retired, planned the trip after Chris's son Joe, a grandson of John, was diagnosed with a serious heart condition in May 2008.***

***Antonio also wanted to help and joined in to aid BHF's fight against heart and circulatory dis***ease.

# Sports day at Y Bont Faen

*"ON YOUR MARKS... GET SET... GO!"*

**THE annual sports day at Y Bont Faen Primary School had an added attraction this year – a summer fayre in the afternoon.**

The sports day had a 'Commonwealth Games' theme because – as recently reported in The GEM, the children had been busy making flags of all the Commonwealth nations.

When it came to the sporting events, the accent was on the traditional, with skipping, sack, and egg and spoon races.

The parents were also invited out onto the track to show their paces!

At the afternoon fayre, Jayne Morris of the PTA reported: "There was great interest in the rock and fossil shop and gold panning this year, and also in the treasure map search – which was won by Tayler in year-4.

"The Commonwealth theme was evident, with tea shops from England and pirate treasure from Jamaica, safari animals from Tanzania and ice creams from the Carribean – everyone had a great time!

"The North American homestead stalls did a roaring trade selling craft items, cards and jewellery

"There were local strawberries, cakes, teas, coffees and iced drinks, and so much more to enjoy.

"So much so we made £600."

She added: "The children in year-6 ran their usual enterprise fundraising mission this year as part of the curriculum – with nail bars, smoothie stall, football games, jewellery and a very popular 'whacky make-over stall'."

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# FOLLOW THE (Vale Council) LEADER

by Coun
**GORDON KEMP**
Leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

**THE council's learning and development directorate was recently inspected by Estyn, the education inspectorate for Wales.**

The directorate works to raise the standard of education in the Vale; in particular, advising, guiding and supporting our schools. We were delighted with Estyn's inspection report, which found that the directorate provides a high quality service for its schools and pupils.

There was particular praise for the council's work to develop the 14-19 Learning Pathways which the report states have improved the choice and flexibility of provision at Key Stage 4 (years 10 -11 in secondary school).

The Vale's first class education service is particularly impressive when one takes into account the low level of funding the Vale receives from the Welsh Assembly Government, in comparison to other authorities.

The net education budget per pupil in the Vale is £4,212 – the lowest in Wales – and yet compared to other authorities we delegate the highest proportion of our budget to schools.

## Information available on line

*DOES the Vale of Glamorgan Council conduct its business in a transparent way? It's a question that some may ask.*

We try to, is the honest answer. I believe local government is the most transparent public sector. For many years, we have published details of members' allowances and the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) requires us to release copious amounts of information.

However, while the FOI gives the public the right to most of the facts and figures they require, the Data Protection Act does require the council to protect personal information.

In an effort to further improve the transparency of our business, we have decided that all purchases worth more than £500 will be detailed on our website from September.

We now also accept questions from members of the public at council meetings. The council's website gives full details of how any resident can publicly question the council.

## Fighting court closure

*THE Ministry of Justice is reviewing its court services across the UK and it proposes to close Barry Magistrates' Court.*

The council has set up a working group to examine how the court's closure would affect our services. I will be making robust representations against the closure and the proposed merger with the Cardiff Local Justice Area. If the court were to close, this would greatly inconvenience its users.

Members of the public would have to travel to Cardiff, either using public transport – not the easiest option in a rural area such as the Vale, or drive into Cardiff with its parking problems and high parking fees.

There is also the cost to the Vale's taxpayers, with the expense of our staff travelling to and from Cardiff for court cases.

Barry Magistrates' Court is a busy facility, which has been renovated in recent years; the council cannot see the sense in closing this court.

*The proposals are open for consultation until September 15, and anyone with an interest or view on the matter should respond before that date.*

*The consultation can be found at* ***www.justice.gov.uk***

# Sheer Bliss in Dinas!

***BLISS DANCERS, which was set up in November 2008, recently performed their second show at the Dinas Powys Parish Hall.***

*The two-evening show was voted a huge success, with some people attending on both nights as they enjoyed the performances so much!*

*Parents and friends commented on how professional the performance was, and wondered how the children remembered such difficult choreography.*

*The dance teacher of Bliss was elated: "I have never been so scared in my life, but everything went according to plan and the dancers looked fantastic. I am so proud of their hard work."*

*One audience member said: "I didn't think you would up your game after the first show, but you amazed me."*

*Mayor of the Vale and elected member for Llandough, Coun Colin Osborne, with his wife, Ruby, and Anysha Panesar.*

# Miss Teen meets the Mayor and Mayoress

**THE Vale Mayor, Coun Colin Osborne, and the Mayoress, his wife Ruby, recently met 16-year-old Anysha Panesar, who was first crowned Miss Teen Vale of Glamorgan, then became Miss Teen Wales, holds the title Miss Teen Europe, and is currently in America competing at an international level.**

**She lives in Llangan and will be starting sixth form at Howells' College, Cardiff in September, having finished her GCSEs this year. The Mayor congratulated Anysha on her achievements and wished her well in the future.**

## 'IT'S A KNOCKOUT!'

***FRIENDS and work mates are being urged to pit skills and wits against others to be crowned Ty Hafan's first ever "It's a Knockout Champion' on August 21 at the Vale Hotel Resort.***

*Entry cost is £100 per team of 10 and each team must raise at least £1,000 in sponsorship for Ty Hafan.*

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## PETANQUE WINNER

**THE annual Petanque competition for the Ruth Watts Cup took place on Sunday, July 11 at the Llancarfan Piste.**

There were nine teams in all with visitors from the Edmondes Arms in Cowbridge, who have been very successful over the last few years, so battle commenced on two pistes, the teams being organised into two groups.

In the final, the winning team from Group 1 (Rhodi Grey, Ian Fell and Sam Smith) took on the winning team from group 2 (Robert Hutchings, Judy Hutchings and Norman Waite) and after a close fought battle, the group 1 team won to become this year's champions. Congratulations and thanks to all those who took part.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**LLANBETHERY & LLANCARFAN**

***Your community correspondents are Sam & Patsie Smith on (01446) 751448***

## CHURCH CONCERT

**I AM delighted to report that as a result of the Cowbridge Male Voice Choir concert in Saint Cadoc's Church on July 3, more than £1,000 was raised for the Restoration Appeal.**

Grateful thanks to all those who helped with the arrangements or contributed to the evening as a whole.

# Music in the Vale first on the stage!

**MUSIC in the Vale weas delighted to be the first organisation to perform on the Glanfa stage at the Wales Millennium Centre, under its new sponsorship agreement with Cardiff Wales Airport.**

It runs an annual competition for young singers and instrumentalists and organises performance opportunities throughout the year, in prestigious venues such as the Wales Millennium Centre.

Jane Hutt AM, who was at the recent concert said: "Once again, there were outstanding performances at the Wales Millennium Centre on the Glanfa stage from young singers and musicians who took part and won awards in the 'Music in the Vale' 2009 competitions.

"I was delighted to be there to support them alongside the Barry, Cowbridge and Penarth Town Council Mayors. This performance was also sponsored by Cardiff Airport which is very fitting as 'Music in the Vale' is run entirely by volunteers supporting talented young singers and instrumentalists from across the Vale and south Wales."

For the 2010 competition the age range has been expanded to include all those aged 8 to 21 on September 1. The committee are hoping that this will encourage the more junior musicians to enter and also some younger choirs and ensembles.

This year's competition will be held on November 27-28.

*Full information can be obtained on web site www.musicinthevale.org.uk or telephone the secretary on 01446 771318.*

# Athletes shine in competition

***'WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!'***

***LEFT: The girls athletics team from Llantwit Major School who won the Cardiff/ Vale under-16 Athletics Cup. The team went on to compete in the Welsh finals at Brecon, and finished in third position. "An excellent achievement," said a school spokeswoman.***

**NEWS FROM THE FONMON APIARY**

# Swarm weather for crowded bees

**SWARMING activity is now slowing down but it is not yet over.**

The present weather conditions are certainly helping the bees out this season. On presenting one of our beginners with a swarm, it is pointed out to them that the bees need to receive a feed of liquid sugar.

Many do not have the required equipment to do this, so Barbara or myself set them up with some of ours. Why do the bees need this feed?

Before bees leave their old home and go in search of a new one (swarm) they fill themselves up with honey. This is to provide them with around three days worth of energy to sustain them while they busy themselves making wax, which is required for the building of honeycomb.

By providing a ready food source the beekeeper gives the bees a helping hand, especially if they are in a new hive, which will be fitted out with wooden frames, which have flat sheets of beeswax in them.

The bees will start drawing out these flat sheets into usable honeycomb and thus be able to store pollen and honey and, of course, give their Queen the cells she needs to lay her eggs in.

Established beekeepers will have a selection of frames ready to hand, some drawn and some part drawn. However, a swarm of bees has a great desire to make honeycomb, and the established beekeeper can increase his/her stock of drawn comb (as it is known) by taking advantage of this situation and putting in frames containing foundation (flat sheets of beeswax).

Why do the bees swarm anyway? In the main it is overcrowding. At the peak of her laying cycle the Queen Bee will produce around 2,000, yes 2,000, eggs per day and space soon becomes priority. An observant beekeeper will try to ensure that room is the one thing the bees will always have. Sad to say, sometimes we are not observant enough, or else we cannot get to the bees as often as we would like.

Result – the bees will address the situation and a swarm is the most likely answer. Swarming is a part of the honeybee's life cycle and is nature's way of ensuring the bees' future survival.

Colonies do not swarm every year, but some years, this one in particular, will be noted for the number of swarms that have been reported.

What of the hive from which the bees have departed? This will still have bees within it, along with several Queen-cells, larvae and sealed brood (bees waiting to emerge) which will re-populate the hive and bring it to life again.

In particular, from one of the several Queen-cells will emerge a new Queen, as only one Queen per hive is required.

This is a virgin Queen! She will eventually leave the hive on a mating flight (about a fortnight after she has emerged) where she will mate with a number of male bees (drones) then return to the hive from which she came and, in due course, will start to lay eggs to provide the many bees needed to keep a hive viable. Worker bees (females) have a brief life span in the summer time, six weeks if they are fortunate. Much more will of course be going on within the hive, but that can be next month's article.

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**ASSEMBLY NOTES**

by ***Jane Hutt AM*** **(Minister for Business and Budget)**

**OVER the past week I have visited two important social housing developments in the Vale of Glamorgan to welcome the provision of sustainable homes with community and educational benefits, including the provision of apprenticeships and contracts with local SMEs, helping to support Vale businesses, meet skills needs and promote employment opportunities.**

Starting in the Barry Waterfront, I was visiting the Newydd scheme at Jackson's Quay, which will provide 70 affordable new homes.

What was so impressive from our visit was the way the partnerships involved in this £9.7 million development have used our Welsh Assembly Government supported guidance for housing procurement, the – Can Do Toolkit – resulting in five apprentices being taken on by the contractors Mi-Space.

I was visiting the project with the Minister for Regeneration, Jocelyn Davies AM and we met the apprentices currently being taught bricklaying and carpentry skills on site and at Barry College.

All were from Barry and what's more, of the 200 strong workforce at the development, 60 per cent are from Barry or within five miles of the area. Construction Design Technology students from Barry College are also regularly visiting the site at all stages of construction.

We were treated to tea and cake by Rita and her team from the multicultural cafe who provide the catering on site for the workforce, as another community benefit, and successful partnership with local people.

We also heard that continual effort is made to source material and services from the immediate locality and Mi-Space has undertaken several charity fundraising events to support local charities.

In my role as Business and Budget Minister, I am developing procurement as a 'policy tool' to achieve wider economic benefits across the Assembly. My visit to the Barry scheme demonstrated how we can learn from the pioneering projects in the housing sector.

Moving on to the opening ceremony at Chapel Close, St Athan, I joined the Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Jane Davidson AM, who was formally opening this inspiring new Wales and West Housing Association 'super green' housing development for local people.

This is such a wonderful legacy for the St Athan Methodist Church, who built and manage The Gathering Place in St Athan.

As a result of the partnerships developed and social housing grant of £1.88million, 16 new affordable homes have been built and residents moved in earlier this year.

This scheme has achieved Level 4 for the code for sustainable homes with a closed-panel timber frame system.

Key features include triple glazing, air source heat pumps, underfloor heating with a heat recovery system as a well as a Euro clad roofing system. The provision of top class disabled facilities have also brought new housing opportunities to be provided.

Once more we heard about the community benefits arising from this development, including links with the local St Athan Primary School – including new safety flooring for their playground and site safety talks for the pupils.

Links with Barry College students were developed to show them how the eco features work. Ninety per cent of the local workforce was drawn from a 15-mile radius of the site at St Athan.

Jane Davidson made a statement last week about the ways in which we can run cheaper and greener homes with fuel efficient technologies like those at Chapel Close.

She said that 'higher standards will support the Assembly Government's climate change, economic and social policies' when powers on building regulations are transferred in December 2011.

*We have a duty to integrate these policies relating to procurement, community and employment benefits. I saw good examples of this last week in the Vale of Glamorgan with the development of sustainable homes, partnerships and communities.*

*ABOVE: Jane Hutt AM visited St Helens' breakfast club, which recently won the National Breakfast Club 2010 award.*

# School breakfast club's award wins praise from AM

**ST HELEN'S RC Junior School, which won the National Breakfast Club Award 2010, was visited by Jane Hutt AM who congratulated the pupils, staff and organisers on their success.**

**"With more than 60 pupils enjoying the Welsh Assembly-funded free school breakfast, I want to congratulate Dawn Chandler and the catering staff and headteacher Mr Russ for their success and excellent award-winning breakfast club!" the Vale AM said.**

# All aboard... the Greenlinks mini bus!

**MEMBERS of the Vale Older People's Strategy Forum were recently invited to the launch of Greenlinks Community Transport's minibus, set up to offer a local transport solution in isolated areas.**

The Greenlinks community bus can carry wheel chairs, pushchairs and large amounts of luggage.

It was provided to serve the community and make a difference to the people who live in the rural Vale.

Many members of the strategy forum live in the rural Vale and have difficulty coming to our coffee mornings and information days.

This service will provide a great source of independence and an easy means of travel for the members.

The Vale Older People's Forum welcomes this service and wishes them every success.

## HOSPICE FETE

**ON August 7, the Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, holds its annual garden party and fete.**

There will be entertainment from the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band, as well as the usual face painting, glitter tattoos, raffle and bargain stalls.

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## Tory AM's claim over NHS cutbacks...

# 'Coalition is protecting health spending, but the Assembly is NOT'

**JANE HUTT AM's assertion that the Assembly Government is prioritising health spending (page 9, The GEM, July 1) was contradicted on the very next page by the article on the ordeal suffered by my constituent Mrs Swain, who has been waiting far too long for hospital treatment.**

I fail to see how the Minister can claim to be investing in the Welsh NHS when its budget is actually being cut by eight per cent over the next five years.

Even during the years of plenty, waiting lists have soared and the Assembly Government is consistently failing to meet its own waiting time targets, which remain considerably lower than in England.

The scale of the increases is mind-blowing. For example, the number of patients waiting longer than 10 weeks for their first outpatient appointment rose by 24.75 per cent between March 2009 and January 2010.

The UK coalition government has protected health spending from budget reductions, but the Assembly Government has failed to follow suit, despite having the NHS proportion of its block grant safeguarded.

The NHS needs to start responding to the needs of patients like Mrs Swain, rather than the targets of politicians.

Unfortunately, the long waits she has suffered are becoming all too common. Instead of trumpeting the same old soundbites about investment, Jane Hutt and her fellow Ministers urgently need to take measures to protect frontline NHS services in the face of budget pressures.

**Andrew RT Davies AM**
(Shadow Minister for Health and Social Services)

## Do hospitals treat the elderly with respect?

**AS the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, I am undertaking a Review into whether older people (those aged 60 or over) are treated with dignity and respect whilst in hospital.**

The Review will result in practical recommendations for change and highlight both good and poor practice across Wales.

The Review is now gathering evidence about older people's experiences when they are in hospital for stays of more than five days.

I hope that many older people will contact us with their experiences to inform the Review.

Evidence from older people's families and friends, advocates and organisations working with and for older people from all sectors, including statutory and voluntary organisations, trade unions and professional associations is also welcome.

We really want to hear from GEM readers. Tell us what you think by emailing *ask@olderpeoplewales.com,* or in writing to Delyth Lewis, Secretariat to the Inquiry Panel, Older People's Commissioner for Wales, Cambrian Buildings, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FL.

The closing date for evidence is Monday August 16.

More information about the Review can be found at *www.olderpeoplewales.com*

**Ruth Marks**
**(Older People's Commissioner for Wales)**

***WRITE IN!***
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## All that's good in youth of Barry!

**WHAT a wonderful event at Romilly Park, Barry, on July 3 – the annual Scout and Guide fete.**

There must have been several thousand people enjoying the sunshine and many activities.

As usual, several charities were able to present stalls and make a lot of money.

From my home, I have a wonderful view of the park and by 7pm, all litter had been cleared by the Scouts.

Although several littler bins were provided, it was inevitable that several people found it easier to drop cans and paper on the ground.

Teas were available at a good price and all safety aspects were observed. Where else could a family have so much entertainment at such a low cost?

Congratulations to all Scout and Guide groups. You represent all that is good in the youth of Barry and district. I look forward to next year's fete.

**Nita Dally, Barry**

## What an attraction lost to Barry Island!

**MY family have been regular visitors to Barry Island, with its good beaches at Whitmore Bay and Jackson's Bay, its very friendly people, plenty of places for food and the wonderful steam railway attraction.**

I particularly enjoyed this on my last visit with my grand-daughter when we travelled on Thomas, enjoying its on-board entertainment, the memorabilia shop and the café at the station.

Imagine my disappointment when I returned this year to be told by the locals that the council had closed it down and given it to another company who do not seem to have opened any of the services, and apparently do not even have a steam engine and have not run steam engines on the line yet.

What an attraction lost to Barry Island holidaymakers. It seems that the council has square pegs in round holes – if that is how it looks after one of its main tourist attractions!

**Mr Bernard Gilford**
**Birmingham**

## DOES RUBBISH GET RECYCLED?

**I WOULD like to tell you how shocked I was on the last day of the recycling waste pick-up.**

Every day I separate my waste, wash it, and put into separate containers; this is a tedious job, having to remind the children where to put their rubbish and making sure that nothing that can be recycled ends up into the land fill.

I don't mind doing this job for the environment and to save money, having only half of a black bag to go to normal rubbish pick-up each week in the Vale.

However, I was so shocked the last time it was picked up as it was thrown into a lorry and all crushed together!

I thought, why have I been separating it all this time? Can anyone explain this to me? Does my rubbish actually get recycled? Or are we all wasting our time?

**(Name and address supplied)**

***GEM NOTE:***

***The Vale Council responded to this question with a statement from Clifford Parish, the operational manager for waste management and cleansing.***

***He said:*** *"In a small number of areas in the rural Vale, due to operational difficulties, smaller non-compartmentalised vehicles are used for collections.*

*"These are only used in isolated incidents and I can assure residents that all materials collected are then sorted and sent for recycling as per usual."*

## Free concert was excellent

**THROUGH your newspaper, I would like to personally thank Arts 4 U for putting on an excellent event called the 'The Friendship Tree' in Barry last week. It was a free concert with some great music from the singer-songwriter, Hank Hillman.**

It was good to see so many friendly people get together for an extremely enjoyable and relaxing evening. I certainly hope that it will be repeated again next year.

**Richard Bertin, Barry**


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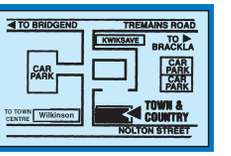

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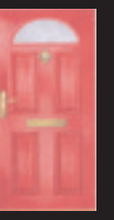

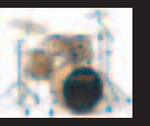

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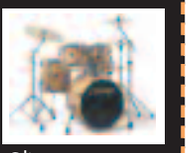

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**THERE was a World Cup theme at St Brides during the school's 'Open Day', with each class representing a different country.**

Year-2 celebrated the food of Spain by cooking a special paella. The staff particularly enjoyed the tasting session!

The other countries celebrated included South Africa, England, USA and Brazil. There were great activities throughout the day, including a chess tournament and Brazilian drumming.

The school has recently celebrated its summer fayre, organised by the 'Friends' association. It was a hot and sunny afternoon – everyone enjoyed the candy floss, ice-cream and bouncy castle.

# Bowls Club hosts pupils

**LLANTWIT MAJOR Bowls Club held its 16th annual primary school bowls final on July 6 in glorious weather conditions.**

The tournament involves coaching the three local primary schools over an eight-week period, and means eight dedicated coaches and helpers having to be available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to coach nearly 100 children.

During the 16 years, more than 2,500 local children have been coached. The coaching staff are also coaching adults throughout the summer. This is needed to keep up membership of more than 100 active playing members.

In this year's final, St Illtyds took the shield and the gold medals for the first time in six years, proving too strong for the other schools.

Llanilltud Fawr were at a disadvantage in selection as there were few boys to call upon. Eagleswell put up a good show against Llanilltud Fawr beating last year's winners by 13 shots.

**Results: St Illtyds 20, Eagleswell 13, St Illtyds 40, Llanilltud Fawr 13, Eagleswell 25, Llanilltud Fawr 12.**

Medals for the three schools were presented by Llantwit BC chairperson Marion Lewis and Coun Sally Bagstaff, who was very impressed by the skill of the schoolchildren and hoped a number of them will continue playing.

She thanked all the coaches for their hard work – Mick Aplin, Mike Adams, Etta Gray, Val Baez, John Ball, Norman Scouse, Richie Gray, and Bert Collings.

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## GLAMORGAN GEM WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

# Dull and drab final fails to excite... but Paul got it 100 per cent right!

**OVER the last month I have sat and watched all 64 World Cup matches; I know, I really must get a life, but I love football and over the years I've lost track of the amount of matches I've been to.**

There have been highs such as the Olympic Stadium, Munich 2001 – *Germany 1 England 5,* and there have been lows - the Stade de France 2006, *Arsenal 1 Barcelona 2*.

But that's football, an emotional rollercoaster with ups and downs.

The trouble is, this World Cup just didn't do it for me. There were moments – England losing to Germany, and Capello's answer was to bring on Heskey:

I admit it, I stood in my lounge shouting at the telly like some sort of demented John McEnroe.

"You cannot be serious!", I cried – he was, and England lost.

There were far too few moments when I sat back and thought, that was brilliant, or how did he do that.

I think that Jabulani football should take a major portion of the blame, along with some pretty negative tactics employed by managers.

I got a bit tired of hearing about defensive holding midfield players.

After last week's semi finals, which saw Holland beat Uruguay 3-2 and Spain beat Germany 1-0, I honestly thought, that a final between the tournament's best two teams would produce a quality match full of flair and invention.

I got the beer in, her indoors rustled up some food, and some friends came round for the party.

Further spice was added because visits to the bookies meant there was money riding on the outcome in both directions.

From kick off, it became quite apparent that only one team wanted to play football.

The Dutch team, which up until this point had been so good, started what I can only describe as a brutal assault upon the opposition.

English referee Howard Webb found himself doling out yellow cards like confetti and he really should have sent De Jong off

**by TONY BENNETT**

when he kung fu kicked Alonso in the chest.

I actually felt sorry for the ref, not something I would easily admit to, but he tried hard to keep 22 players on the pitch, though in reality the Dutch could have been down to nine before half time.

The second half wasn't that much better, although both teams did have chances.

Twice Arjen Robben latched on to passes which split the Spanish defence apart, leaving only the keeper to beat.

He missed both, and my reaction was that of justice done, they didn't deserve to score.

By now the party had become somewhat dull, and we all sat there dreading extra time.

Someone suggested turning over, "Top Gear has gotta be better than this."

Goalless, and as extra time started, by now virtually all the Dutch outfield players had been booked. Eventually Mr Webb sent defender Heitinga off, and with four minutes left Spain finally unlocked the door, a good move ending with Fabregas slipping a lovely pass into an unmarked Andres Iniesta who shot home the goal which won Spain the World Cup – and meant I collected a few bob at the bookies!

The party is over now, and the Dutch players are blaming an Englishman for losing, but they ruined the party with their bully boy tactics.

Spain went home with the Cup, winning their last four games 1-0, and they played with two holding defensive midfield players.

The French are still arguing over whose fault it was, the Italians' defence of the World Cup was pitiful, and quite where England go from here will doubtless be debated long and hard.

Brazil and Argentina both fell apart when the going got a bit tough, which brings me onto Germany. They finished as the tournament's top goal scorers with 16, and it has to be said, they played most of the good football on display; did they really get six months practice with that ball before it all started?

In conclusion then, it was not the best World Cup I've ever seen. Hopefully four years from now the fashion for two defensive midfield players will have died a death and the Brazil-based tournament might inspire some beach-style attacking football.

That only leaves the octopus.

Paul is now the most famous octopus in the world, his predictions all came true; Holland to beat Uruguay, Spain to beat Germany in the semi finals, Germany to win the third place play-off and Spain to beat Holland in the final.

Following the German defeat to Spain he received death threats from angry fans, how sad is that!

Staff who look after him have decided that he is now to retire from international football predictions.

*I think there will be some bookmakers who will be quite pleased to hear that.*

# Murch bowlers too strong for Cymmer

**MURCH welcomed Cymmer Bowling Club for an ML Division Two game.**

Cymmer arrived two men short and played two triple rinks, making good use of the extra woods.

Skip Gus Santavy, R Crouch, G Lane and C Salvidge were up against a strong Cymmer rink. Murch were leading by one shot at 9-8 but failed to score on the next four ends, allowing Cymmer back in the game.

On the 12th end, Murch took a five, putting the score at 14-all, but again failed on the next five ends. Cymmer edged in front and Murch responded with a five on the 20th end, but it was too little too late and Cymmer won by five shots, 25-20.

Skip Colin Garland, R Golding, D Davies and D Bateman were also up against a strong Cymmer rink and were leading 10 shots to Cymmer's seven on the 10th end, but only managed to score four shots on the next 11 ends. Cymmer went on to win 23-14.

Skip Bob Hill, R Pemberton, J Manfield and H Guppy were playing against a triples rink. The game was close from start to finish as Cymmer made good use of those extra woods. The score was all square on the 16th end, and Cymmer failed to score on the last three ends, giving Murch a win 21-18.

On the club captain's rink, skip Roger Mauchline, C Grant, I Williams and C Parsons also played a triples rink. They led from start to finish, proving too strong for Cymmer and went on to win 27-13.

**Aggregate score: Cymmer 71 Murch 82 (+10 points).**

### THE A TEAM AT THE PARK

Murch A team captain Ian Robinson and his team travelled to Victoria Park for their ML 6 game and lost on all four rinks.

Skip Alan Savage, D Blainey, R Davidson and G Vincent led from the start up until the 10th end, but only managed to score three shots on the last 11 ends, giving the park side a win of 27-11.

Skip Ian Robinson, J Flye, R Hockley and P Willis struggled from start to finish and lost 27-13.

Skip Mervyn Williams, A Perry, R Fudge and R Huntley led from the start and were leading 10-9 on the 13th end, but only picked up one shot on the last 10 ends, giving Park a win of 28-11.

Skip Bernard Toozer, R Grant, G Russell and M Wheadon were the best losing side, with the score all square on the 11th end at 14-all.

However, they failed to score on the next six ends, allowing their opponents to edge in front. Murch responded by taking five shots on the last five ends but again, too little too late, and they lost by four shots.

Aggregate score: Murch 64 Victoria Park 105. **RP**

# Style Café opens with a winner!

**THE winner of the Style Café, Pyle competition, run in conjunction with The GEM was Mrs J Groves of Porthcawl.**

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## After Glee, the lure of the spotlight can be irresistible

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It had a sharp script and told the story of a group of students at an American High School who perform numbers from musicals, pop, rock and hip-hop.

It became so popular that, within a few hours of being broadcast, downloads of songs from the show were high in what older music fans still call the top 40.

The spin-off has been that more and more children want to try their hand at singing and dancing.

It certainly uses up surplus energy, and it can do wonders for some children's confidence Is there a downside to all this? Well, some parents might worry about their child becoming star struck and not concentrating on their schoolwork, but I don't think it is that big a risk.

After all, kids who play rugby, football, tennis or golf all probably put in more hours on those activities, and are just as likely to dream of making it to the top.

In fact, young actors soon realise that it is a tough old world out there.

How tough is it? Well, in my time on The GEM, I've been lucky enough to see some terrific school shows.

In that time, I have seen probably about two dozen young actors who had something special.

I saw a couple more last week – in Llantwit Major Comprehensive School's production of *Les Miserables*.

Of that two dozen, Aneurin Barnard of Ogmore Vale made his debut in the West End this year – and won an Olivier for best actor in a musical.

You didn't need to be a genius to spot Aneurin's talent, but he still needed the right role at the right time.

The others? Well, many have found roles in theatre companies or TV shows, but that special role has not arrived. I am keeping my fingers crossed for them.

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*So Mrs Worthington, do put your daughter on the stage, but keep a firm grip on reality!*

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Budding Welsh performers will have a chance to learn their craft with a week-long training session at a summer school next month – and you could be one of them if you win our latest competition!

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There are two summer school courses on offer with places for up to 30 on each course. The English-language course runs from August 8-13 and the Welsh-language course is from August 15-20.

The courses cost £225, which includes all training, meals and accommodation at the Urdd City Sleepover in Wales Millennium Centre.

This year's **Bang!** is a collaboration between five of the resident companies based at Wales Millennium Centre. Academi, BBC National Orchestra Wales, Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Welsh National Opera and the Centre itself will share their expertise with the young people.

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## The third Twilight film Eclipses the rest ...

# BUT IS STILL A POOR PIECE OF WORK!

**SCREEN TALK**

**by GARETH JAMIESON**

**GET the lynch mobs ready, sharpen the axes and prepare the stocks – it is that time of the year where I anger and annoy some of the most powerful people in the world; not the G8, however, no these people are far more powerful and scarier – the fans of Twilight.**

The pop culture phenomenon makes its way onto part three, titled Eclipse, which sees Bella (Kirsten Stewart) again surrounded by danger as mysterious killings start to take place.

Not only that, but she is also forced to choose between her love for Edward (Robert Pattinson) and her friendship with Jacob (Tyler Lautner), aware her decision will have repercussions between the vampires and werewolves. Throw in a rather angry vampire from Bella's past (Bruce Dallas Howard) aiming to get even, and it is more than a girl can handle...

Now regular readers of my corner of The GEM will be more than aware that I'm no fan of the *Twilight* saga; in fact, I would go as far to say I would welcome being forcefed *Sex and The City 2* on loop rather than have to sit through the first two instalments in the *Twilight* franchise again.

So as I sat down to watch the third part, *Eclipse*, my expectations were firmly positioned in the low numbers.

And yet, the end product, while still full of the emotional dribble and overt melodrama that coloured the first two instalments, isn't as bad as either of them. It is easily the best of the saga so far, although it is fair to say (in my humble opinion) that phrase is by far the most backhanded compliment a film could be afforded.

Much of the credit for this should lie with director David Slade, who unlike his previous directorial chair incumbents has something of a previous with the dark world of vampires and evil, having helmed the dark and entertaining *30 Days of Night*, and Ellen Page-starring *Hard Candy*. Bringing Slade to the party was the best thing the producers of the series could have done (aside from just packing up and going home that is), as the director brings a far more chiselled and refined air to proceedings.

While Weitz and Hardwicke were handed the softer material and struggled to bring it to screen with any real verve, Slade brings a darker and more brooding film to screen, the addition of action sequences and moments of drama being well handled by the director.

The final werewolf/vampire smackdown, though bedevilled by the double problem of being watered down due to the film's certificate and cut short, is particularly impressive, Slade conjuring up perhaps the best moment of the series so far. He also has the luxury of being able to add backstory to a few of the peripheral characters and the situation between the wolves and vampires – touches that offer a bit more to the story as a whole and fill in some gaps.

What Slade doesn't handle so well is that old, familiar issue – that no matter what happens in the periphery the main story strand is Edward and Bella's romance and Jacob's love for Bella that may or may not be reciprocated; and, truth be told, three films in this story strand is getting older than some of the vampires that feature in the film.

Given a two hour running time, Slade does well, picking up the pace, but when he's lumbered with this part of the narrative there is very little he can do. Instead, his camera seems to doze off as the trio argue/profess their love/snarl at each other, saddled with dialogue that clunks and splutters.

There are several scenes that just seem to go on and on, as if when editing Slade just lost the will to live (a feeling I'm all too aware of with this particular franchise); the film doesn't feel too long, and moves at a nice pace. However, these scenes do slow the pace to a crawl and are, by and large, simply treading the same ground we've been over a thousand times.

The performances, too, are a notch above previous efforts, although not all come out smelling of roses. While Robert Pattinson may well be the flavour of many women's months, he is also a very capable actor and he at least gets to show some personality and acting ability here, rather than merely mope round and glitter every so often.

Kristen Stewart is a talented actress, but one who has spent the first two films being bland and dull as the object of affection. Like Pattinson, she does a bit more here, but with the character of Bella sketched so painfully as a damsel in distress, there is little she can do but work with the material afforded her – sadly, it isn't up to scratch.

In my review of the last Twilight film, I stated that 'Taylor Lautner... may have developed impressive muscles in the year since the last film but fails to have developed his acting ability', and this instalment certainly doesn't alter my opinion.

Wearing nothing but cut-off shorts and flashing his six-pack, Lautner is less actor more male model, and his performance merely involves him reeling lines off as if he were reading a book - albeit with a muscle mass that puts many a man to shame.

Meanwhile Bryce Dallas Howard's Victoria is given little screentime to do anything other than try to appear villainous – something that the paucity of screentime means she struggles to do anything with.

Had screenwriter Melissa Rosenberg been able to dilute Stephanie Meyer's over-emotional source material and tone down the overarching sense of mopey teenage love, then *Twilight: Eclipse* would have been a pretty decent film; however, David Slade's hard work is negated somewhat by the troubles that have afflicted the franchise from its roots. While its simpering tone may be manna for teenage girls, it's far too dull and monotonous for my tastes, though I feel that, this time, the *Twilight* franchise may have the last laugh!

**VERDICT**: A better experience than the first two films offered, *Twilight:Eclipse* is boosted by David Slade's more mature direction and better performances from a cast finding their feet. However, the series' major irritant, simpering characters and far too much time spent on a love triangle seemingly going nowhere, means that while *Eclipse* is easily the best *Twilight* film so far, it's still a fruitless exercise in filmmaking – unless you're a fan of the franchise. *Poor*.

# Rotary Club support work of Trust Farm

**DINAS POWYS Rotary Club recently held its meeting at the Huntsman Restaurant with an entertaining talk given by Lorraine Brown, director of the Amelia Trust Farm, created in 1991 through a generous donation by local benefactors Bob and Ethel Huggard.**

It has a special interest in working with young people at risk from a life of crime, alcohol, drugs and solvent abuse and to rebuild what can be shattered lives by positive support through their time at the farm.

Lorraine explained that each young person has a range of opportunities. They include woodwork, pottery, conservation, music, cookery, animal care, farm work, outdoor activities, sports, work experience, personal tutoring and social issues.

The vote of thanks was given by rotarian Paul Williams and rotarians agreed that the work done by the Trust should be supported for many years to come.

# Club quiz night

**THE Penarth Computer Club end-of-term meeting is traditionally a social evening where chat does not necessarily include the mention of computers.**

Mike J sets a musical quiz which is always won by Steve who seems to have a special aptitude for it.

This time, Mike devised an extra set of very hard questions for Steve alone, deducting a point for each wrong answer!

It must be pointed out that this grossly unfair practice was introduced for the sole purpose of ensuring that Steve didn't win. This was Mike's third attempt to derail Steve. It didn't work, Steve won anyway.

Mike J would have preferred a new winner, but the whole process is so cheerfully done that nobody worries about it.

At each club meeting, we have a small raffle and draw for the prize. The members' tickets are accumulated for this meeting when most of the raffle profits are used for high-value voucher prizes to be redeemed against the cost of computer-related purchases. First prize was won by Mike F.

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# Out and About with The GEM

## BAND PLAYS AT RUGBY CLUB'S FUNDRAISER

**PARENTS of Llantwit Major under-11s and 12s rugby team are organising a fundraising event on Saturday, July 24 – a disco and live band night at Llantwit Major Rugby Club.**

All proceeds raised from the evening will be split between Help for Heroes and the boys' rugby team.

South Wales rock band 'Voodoo Snake' have offered their services for free, so every penny raised on the night will go straight to charity.

Voodoo Snake's bass player Mal Preest of Llantwit Major, said: "We jumped at the chance to support Help for Heroes and the youngsters of the rugby club, so please join us for what we promise will be a rocking night."

Tickets are priced at £5 each and the evening will start at 8pm and go on until late. Local companies are being asked to help support efforts by donating a prize for the raffle to be held on the night.

*For further information, call Lisa Morgan on 07866 732709 or email melinmw@btinternet.com. Tickets can also be purchased from the bar at Llantwit Major RFC. For more information on the band, please visit www.myspace.com/voodoosnake*

## Walk and Clear

**THE Valeways charity is inviting volunteers to participate in a 'Walk and Clear' programme.**

'Walk and Clear' involves volunteers going on a walk with a qualified walk leader in the Vale, clearing overgrowth on the footpaths and around the stiles using simple hand tools, such as shears and loppers.

*For further information, contact Andrew or Gareth at Valeways on 01446 749000 or e-mail info@valeways.org.uk*

## PACT meetings

**ILLTYD PACT**, on July 20 at the Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry, at 7pm.

**GIBBONSDOWN PACT**, on July 21 at the Communities First Office, Aberaeron Close, Barry, at 6pm.

**CASTLELAND PACT**, at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, on July 26 at 7pm.

**COURT PACT**, at Ilminster Scout Hall, Ilminster Street, Barry, on July 27 at 7pm.

**WENVOE COMMUNITY COUNCIL**, at Wenvoe Community Hall on July 22 at 7.30pm.

**TWYN-YR-ODYN Coffee & Chat**, at The Horse & Jockey Public House on July 27 at 10.30am.

**SULLY PACT**, in the Jubilee Hall on July 15 at 8.15pm.

**LLANDOUGH PACT**, in Llandough Memorial Hall on July 26 at 7pm.

**ST AUGUSTINE'S PACT**, in the Windsor Public House on July 27 at 7pm.

## Singers sought out for the environment

**THE Sustainable Wales charity's successful 'Commune' series for local musicians to add their voices to the threat from climate change is relaunched at the Seabank Hotel, seafront, Porthcawl, on Friday, July 16, from 7pm.**

Director, Margaret Minhinnick said: "This is a timely community event, drawing attention to local artistic talent. But it's also taking place to highlight the continuing emergency of climate change.

Of the event, she added: "It's great that local artists are at the forefront of awareness-raising. We hope to create a mini-Glastonbury, with bands, performers and stalls."

Highlights will include a rendition of 'While My Guitar Gently Weeps' by the Porthcawl Ukulele Band, the Nick Ward Band, rockers dEkE, hip hop from Blud Konnektion, acoustic sets from Murphy and Raul Arrieta, and the Wizards of Mass Distraction. Artist Siobhan Grice from Freshstart will perform a dance ceremony celebrating the four elements and our connection with the earth.

*Tickets for the Commune are £5 on the door, or £4 in advance from 'SUSSED' at 92 John Street, Porthcawl.*

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*For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.*

## WORKING WITH WOOD

**THERE is a wood-turning show on July 17 in the Lesser Church Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth (10am-4pm).**

All are welcome.

## Ladies choir is back home after making Shrewsbury air ring!

**CANTORION Pontyclun Ladies Choir made the air in Shrewsbury ring to the sound of Welsh voices, as guest choir at a charity concert.**

They will bring their harmonious sound back to Wales on Saturday, July 17 at 7.30pm in Bethel Baptist Church, Miskin Road, Pontyclun, at their annual fundraising concert.

Led by new musical director, David Hutchings they will be performing a wide repertoire of songs, from much-loved traditional Welsh music to modern classics, wartime hits and songs from the musicals.

This year, the ladies of the choir will be joined by guests for solo pieces.

Tickets can be bought at the door, pre booked by contacting Julia Goodwin on 01443 449985, or email Sue Herbert on sueteaspoon@yahoo.co.uk

The concert will be supporting Headway, Cardiff, a charity helping people with 'Acquired Brain Injury'.

Every year, more than one million people attend hospital having suffered a head injury and of these, 3,000 join the growing number of people suffering from the long term effects of serious brain injury.

Headway supports these people and their families through their day centre based at Rookwood Hospital, Cardiff.

## Annual lunch

**FRIENDS and Neighbours recently held their annual lunch at The Senior Health Shop in Holton Road, Barry.**

The group has grown – its aim is to provide a way of introducing isolated over 50s to new friends.

The group has a varied programme of activities with talks of topical of interest, a summer trip, Christmas party and visit to a local Pantomine.

Next meeting will be held at the Senior Health Shop in Holton Road on Wednesday, July 21 at 2pm with a strawberry cream tea.

*New members are welcome, call secretary G Fifield on 01446 400044 for further information.*

## Summer fair

***THERE will be a summer fair in the Paget Rooms, Penarth, from 10.15am-12noon on Saturday, July 17, in aid of Cancer Research UK Cymru.***

***Admission is 50p, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits. There will be stalls of produce, plants, cakes, cards and paper, savouries, preserves, tombola and white elephant.***

## Diabetes group meeting

**DIABETES UK CYMRU (the Vale of Glamorgan voluntary group), is meeting on Tuesday, July 20 in the Board room at Llandough hospital at 7.30pm.**

The speaker will be Gaynor Harrison, a diabetes specialist nurse. New members are always welcome.

*For enquiries, telephone 01446 746639.*

## Charity car wash

**FIREFIGHTERS in Kenfig Hill are doing a charity car wash on Saturday, July 24, at the station to raise money for two charities, the Fire Service Benevolent Fund, and the Scouts Building in Kenfig Hill.**


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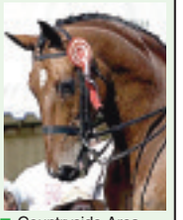

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END OF YEAR NEWS FROM YSGOL BRO MORGANNWG

# EXCHANGE TRIP MAKES PUPILS GERMAN FANS!

*Oh no! Someone has bought a vuvuzela!*

**YEAR-9 pupils went on the annual exchange to our partner school in Grünstadt in southern Germany.**

It was a scorching week, extremely humid days and a few dramatic electric storms at night. Everyone had the usual Grünstadt warm welcome from their partners and their families, and had a great time exploring German culture and society and brushing up their language skills.

Among the highlights were the visit to a local vineyard, the centre of Mannheim, the Reptilium at Landau and the farewell buffet with the families.

During the week, Germany played their opening match of the World Cup, beating Australia 4-0 and many pupils returned with German shirts as presents, not forgetting their red, black and yellow vuvuzelas!

## Pupils delighted to meet MP

**YEAR-12 pupils were delighted that new Vale MP, Alun Cairns, was able to take time out from his hectic schedule to visit the school recently to discuss politics with them in a very special Bro Morgannwg version of Question Time.**

He gave them a very personal insight into the work of an AM and MP and it was particularly interesting to note his views on his first month as an MP.

It was a very worthwhile session for the pupils, who study politics as part of the Welsh Bac and assisted them as they prepared their own manifestos for the school mock election.

Mr Cairns met the candidates for the school mock election, together with other pupils from year-12, who asked him questions on topics ranging from environmental issues and the economy, to the role of the media in the recent General Election.

## Year-9 visit Glanllyn

**PUPILS from year-9 headed once more in June to the Urdd camp at Glanllyn, Bala for a week of outdoor pursuits and team activities with their classmates.**

This annual visit is one of the most popular on the school's packed extra curricular activities calendar and this year was again a resounding success.

Many thanks to heads of year Miss Catrin Thomas and Mr Meilir Roberts for organising such an excellent week. They even arranged scorching hot weather!

## Graffiti Workshop

**YEAR-9 pupils recently enjoyed a creative afternoon with Bryce Davies, a graffiti artist who works with young people.**

Their mission was to create a graffiti-inspired board to be shown in the school canteen. The boys worked well as a team to create a very impressive and contemporary piece of graffiti work.

Bryce was very impressed by their efforts.

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***LEFT:*** ***The graffiti-inspired display created by the school's pupils with Bryce Davies.***

***ABOVE and BELOW: The pupils enjoyed the trip to Germany.***

*St David's Colwinston.*

# St David's, Colwinston, pupils say goodbye with Llandaff Cathedral visit

**PUPILS from all over south Wales swapped their favourite memories of primary school at a special service for school leavers recently.**

More than 400 year-6 pupils from across south Wales gathered at Llandaff Cathedral to celebrate the end of their time at primary school, and to prepare for their 'giant step' up to secondary school.

They were joined by the Archbishop of Wales, Dr Barry Morgan, who gave an address and presented each one with a bookmark.

The pupils come from 20 Church in Wales schools across the Diocese of Llandaff.

The Archbishop, Dr Barry Morgan said: "Leaving primary school is one of those major stepping stones in your life which children these days mark in all sorts of ways.

"This service was an opportunity for them to pause and reflect on their whole experience of primary school and their expectations for the future. It also reminded them that although they come from different schools, they all belong together – they are part of a large church family which will help and support them right through school, regardless of whether they are top or bottom of the class. Whatever difficulties they will face, they are not alone and that alongside them is God who loves us, cares for us and strengthens us."

Most of the children took with them personal mementos which they had chosen to remind them of key moments of their time in primary school. These were placed on a table at the front of the church and included an eye-catching poster with photographs of the pupils from Gwenfo Church in Wales School when they were in year-1.

During the service, several of the pupils spoke about their favourite memories. Cai Jones (11), from Peterston-Super-Ely, described his year-2 nativity play in which Mary had to be re-cast at the last moment due to sickness and he, as the narrator, was the only one not allowed to dress up.

It was the first School Leavers service to be held at Llandaff Cathedral. Local schools taking part were: Archdeacon John Lewis, Gwenfo, Pendoylan, Peterston, St Andrew's Major, St Brides Major, St David's , St Nicholas, and Wick.

# Going through the ages on leisurely walk

## Penarth and District Ramblers round-up

**RECENTLY, four walkers joined Clive for a trip up to the top of Rhondda Fawr and the car park at Mynydd Hen Dre, which is just south east of the Llyn Fawr reservoir in the Cynon Valley.**

When the reservoir was constructed in 1911, while digging out the existing lake many items thich confirmed that humans had lived there from Mesolithic through to the Iron Age were uncovered.

Bronze axes and sickles, a bronze horse harness, a triangular shaving razor and an iron sword with a bone handle, all of which are on show at the National Museum in Cardiff. The Celts regularly threw objects into water to appease the gods in Druid ceremonies and these items were probably such sacrifices.

There was a settlement at Hen Dre'r Mynydd – (meaning old town on the mountain) thought to date back to the Iron Age and stone circles are still in place that indicate the area was farmed and lived upon in circular stone huts roofed with turf and branches and strengthened inside by a central wooden pillar while more stone circles held cattle.

In lovely sunny weather, the group headed along a grassy track, once the main route between the parish of Ystradyfodwg and the Rhigos and passed the stone circles which are starting to be obscured by the bracken. By now they were able to see Blaenrhondda appearing at the bottom of the valley and translated it means head of the Rhondda.

The Rhondda Fawr stream, which they could see in the distance, starts around 1,800-feet first descending gently to 1,500-feet then plunging some 500-foot lower in a series of waterfalls. The valley was carved out by a glacier during the last Ice Age and massive rocks and boulders were lifted and scattered around.

The coal industry also played a big part in this area's history, The North Dunraven pit, also known as Blaenrhondda Colliery, opened in 1859 and closed in the 1920's and Fernhill Colliery was opened between 1869-71 and finally shut down in 1978. There are many interesting plants to be found in the area that include sheep's sorrel, heath violet, milkwort, bilberry and woolly hair moss.

From May 1944, 4,000 American troops were billeted in Rhondda Fawr in preparation for D-Day, and leaving Wales on June 1 1944, they landed on Omaha Beach as part of the Normandy invasion.

Reaching the valley bottom, the group saw the old burnt out school which has been replaced by a new one and stopped to view a flower memorial to a small boy who was killed close by after riding a skateboard into the path of a vehicle.

Crossing their first stile they joined the path through Penpych Woodland Park and headed uphill to Penpych, observing the waterfalls en route.

At the top is a Manchester United flag as a monument to the boy who died on his skateboard and a wonderful view of the Rhondda Valley.

The woodland below Craig Blaenrhondda led them to a bridge and a stream where they stopped for lunch and saw goats making their way uphill. Then moving on towards Garreg Lwyd to see the waterfall they followed the Nant Garreg Lwyd River, before their last climb back up to their start point.

**JOY STRANGWARD.**

# Vale planning

Mr Adrian Gracia – **133 Plymouth Road, Penarth** – erection of a detached garage.

Mr Robert Priddle – **Rhos Geler, Corntown Road, Corntown** – provision of hardstanding and widening of access.

Mr and Mrs John Hopkins – **12 Village Farm, Bonvilston** – single storey conservatory extension and timer framed glazed canopy.

Mr Robert Mills **– 5 Hillside Close, Barry** – single storey extension at rear of property to provide bedroom with bathroom.

Mr Derek Dowdeswell – **Raisdale Cottage, Alberta Road, Penarth** – demolition of existing extensions and porch.

Mrs Dawn Alexis – **2 St Nicholas Close, Dinas Powys** – double storey extension to side and rear and single storey extension to side.

Mrs Lisa Bailey – **Gwynfa, Southerndown** – single storey extensions to front and side.

Mr Philip Freemantle – **Flat 3 to the rear ground floor of 15 Glebe Street, Penarth** – erection of first floor to existing single storey flat.

Mr Derek Dowdeswell – **Raisdale Cottage, Alberta Road, Penarth** – rebuilding of front porch. Conversion of garage to habitable accommodation plus other alterations to house.

Mrs Claire Matthews – **11 The Verlands, Cowbridge** - single storey rear extension and first floor extension above existing ground floor extension.

Mr Callum Cooper – **40 Glebe Street, Penarth** – loft conversion incorporating flat dormer roof to rear.

Mr and Mrs S Johnson **– The Paddock, Stallcourt Close, Llanblethian** – remove a Eucalyptus.

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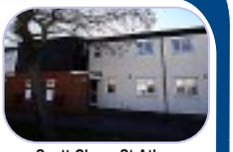
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## Family Notices

# McElhenny
## David (Mac)

Will be greatly missed by his son Steven and daughter-in-law Rhiannon, daughter Ceri and son-in-law Brian, grandchildren Lydia, Kai and Tyler, his aunties and uncles Vera and Syd; Len and Olive; and by his best friend Susan.

We would also like to thank Dr Peregrin and the staff of Eryl Surgery and a big thank you to Kath, Sue and Ted.

# MUIR
## Margaret

**Suddenly on July 6 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Margaret of Llantwit Major. Beloved wife of Jim, much loved mum, granny and sister, gone but never forgotten.**

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday July 16, service 1.45pm at St Illtuds Church followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 3.15pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to Galilee Chapel Restoration Fund and British Heart Foundation, please make all cheques payable to W James & Sons Charity Account c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

# JACKSON
## Betty

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# SMITH
## Ella Joyce

**Peacefully at Springbank Nursing Home on July 9, 2010, aged 95 years.**

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**Sandra & Keith**
Happy Anniversary for
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*XXXX*

## Weddings

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**Chris Davies (Podge)**

13 July, 2010

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XXX

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**Happy 18th Birthday**

**Nicole Powell**

*on 17 July, 2010*
**All our love, Mum, Paul & Cameron**
*xxx*

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**Congratulations on your 18th Birthday**

**on 17 July 2010**
**Nicole Powell**

**Lots of Love**
**Grandad, Mike, Lisa, Kelly & Sam; Russell, Lloyd & Ben; Uncle David, Dawn, Natalia, Brad & Bump.**
*x x x*

## Thank You

*Thank You*

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# Hall project enhances facilities

**LLANSANNOR residents have recently completed a project to improve the surroundings of their new village hall by creating a garden with patios and planted areas.**

Dr David Jones, the chair of the Llansannor Hall Garden Group, said: "This will provide additional space for functions in a scenic setting with stunning views.

"It will act as an extension to the facilities of the hall itself."

He added that the project was made possible by a generous grant by BIFFA, the waste management company, and by hard work carried out by village volunteers.

*The official opening will take place at the hall on Friday, July 30, at 7pm*

*ABOVE: Year-9 students from Cowbridge Comprehensive School collected 38 bags of waste from the banks of the Ogmore River estuary recently.*

# Pupils wade in to clean up river

**PUPILS from Cowbridge Comprehensive School swapped their books for litter-pickers, rolled up their sleeves and got their hands dirty to tackle the banks of the Ogmore River estuary.**

The year-9 students were taking part in an ESDGC (educational sustainable development and global citizenship) project organised by the school and Keep Wales Tidy. Ian Harvey, from Keep Wales Tidy, said: "The area suffers badly from plastic waste and other debris that has been washed down the river, deposited by high tides or left by visitors.

"Waste piles up along the strandline and leaves a very negative impression on visitors walking in an area of otherwise great natural beauty.

"The plastic, and fishing lines in particular, are hazards to wildlife as well as being unsightly and need to be removed from the marine environment."

More than 43 pupils and staff took part in the clean-up and collected 38 bags of waste which were then removed by the Vale Council's waste management and cleansing department, who work with Keep Wales Tidy and volunteers on the Tidy Towns project to get people to take more responsibility for their local environment.

*For more information on the Tidy Towns project or to become a volunteer, contact Ian Harvey, on 029 20 72 6985, or Email ian.harvey@keep-walestidy.org*

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## CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG DEDDF CYNLLUNIO (ADEILADAU RHESTREDIG AC ARDALOEDD CADWRAETH) 1990

NOTICE is hereby given that application has been made to the Council for planning permission for the undermentioned developments:

HYSBYSIR trwy hyn i geisiadau gael eu gwneud i'r Cyngor am ganiatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y datblygiadau canlynol:

**Development in Conservation Areas**
**Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth**

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00618/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Change of use of land adjacent and to the south of Bonvilston Reading Room into an open play area. Creation of secure storage on existing Reading Room site. Removal of grassed area to north of Reading Room to extend existing car park
Location:/Lleoliad: Bonvilston Reading Room, A48, Bonvilston
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth Bonvilston

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00622/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Removal of existing stone wall and hedgerow. Construction of new stone wall 2.2 m high
Location:/Lleoliad: The Coach House, Cowbridge Road, St Nicholas
Conservation Area:/
Ardal Gadwraeth St. Nicholas

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995
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**Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest**
**Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd**

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00619/OUT
Proposal:/Cynnig: Employment development (outline)
Location:/Lleoliad: Hayes Road, Sully

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00627/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Amendment to 02/00749/FUL in order to move cow yard 6m in order to improve ventilation and cow welfare
Location:/Lleoliad: Pancross Farm, Llancarfan

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00657/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Development of 17 affordable residential units with associated works
Location:/Lleoliad: Former Post Office Sorting Office, Llanmaes Road/ Station Road, Llantwit Major

**Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way**
**Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus**

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2010/00660/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed two storey extension and loft conversion to provide additional accommodation. Internal alterations to existing roof of house and garage (amendments to 2008/00806/FUL)
Location:/Lleoliad: Fferm Goch Bungalow, Llangan

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# Harry (74) cycles 220 miles for polio appeal

**A 73-year-old Rotarian, Harry Heller from the Rotary Club of Cowbridge, completed a sponsored 220-mile cycle run from Passau to Vienna along the banks of the Danube, one of the most beautiful and best maintained cycle runs in Europe.**

*ABOVE: Harry with his nephew Andreas at the end of the cycle ride at St Stephen's Cathedral in the centre of Vienna.*

Harry reported: "The five-day journey was a wonderful experience – despite strong headwinds on one day, continual rain on another, a narrow escape from torrential rain which flooded the city of Vienna on the final day, and the continual discomfort of the hire bike saddle!"

A total of £1,650 was raised for the Rotary charity 'End Polio Now', and has been added to the £2,500 already raised by the Cowbridge Club this year.

The generous sponsorship by the community, family, friends and business associates was very much appreciated. The world is almost free from polio now, thanks to the efforts of Rotary International and its partners.

In the next few years, polio (like smallpox) should be relegated to the history books.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS
## ST BRIDES MAJOR

*Your local correspondent is*
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**ST BRIDES MAJOR branch of the Mothers' Union enjoyed a coffee morning at the home of Margaret Lewis, Meadow Court.**

The weather was sunny, enabling people to sit in the garden.

**THE Ladies Thursday Club again welcomed Geraldine from Scotland, at their meeting on July 8.**

A few hands of bingo were played, after a short talk about the unveiling of the memorial in Cardiff in memory of immigrants who lost their lives on the ship *Andorra Star* torpedoed off the south coast of Ireland at the beginning of World War Two.

**OGMORE Retired Residents Association will meet for their last summer session today, July 15, at the Watermill for their traditional strawberry tea.**

The first meeting of the winter session will be on September 16.

***WICK Horticultural Society is holding an open meeting on July 30 in the Sports Pavilion at 7pm, with a talk entitled 'Plants for Colour'. All are welcome.***

**WE wish a speedy recovery to Glenys Cox following her recent stay in hospital; also to Eileen Mathews, both of St Brides Major, hoping she will be home from hospital soon.**

**BRIDGEND Samaritans will be holding an open day on Saturday, July 24, from 11am-4pm.**

If you are interested in becoming a Samaritan, please go along and find out more about it. Bring a partner or friend. Refreshments will be provided.

*Telephone 01656 662333 for details*

# GOLF DAY GIVES COWBRIDGE SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS A BOOST

*ABOVE: Winners of the nearest the pins (left to right): Barry Jones (professional) Robert Gay,Wayne Thomas and Chris Powell with Rhys Williams.*

*ABOVE: Team winners City Travel with medals and Vale Resort sweaters.*

**A GOLF day at the Vale Resort on Wednesday raised more than £5,000 to pay for new equipment for the PE department at the new Cowbridge School.**

Twenty-two teams of four made up of former pupils, parents, friends and businessmen enjoyed an afternoon of competitive golf on the National Course at the Vale Resort.

Owner Gerald Leeke, a former pupil at Cowbridge Grammar School, and also a fine sportsman who gained senior school boy caps at cricket and rugby, must be thanked for allowing this fundraising event on his venue.

The course was in excellent condition despite the dry weather, and the ground staff must be complimented. A special thank you must go to Paul Beddoe and Louise Edwards of the Vale Resort for their help.

The course proved to be difficult to get around and scoring stableford points was not easy. There were extra prizes for nearest the pin and longest drive on four holes and if this was not enough, you could pitch yourself against the professional on the short 14th to win a bottle of wine, the cost being £5 to enter.

The professional was a former pupil Barry Jones, who raised more than £350 and was only beaten by eight golfers out of the 84 all afternoon, namely, Raymond Creegan, Adrian Butler, David Emery, Byron Davies, Delon Hau, Glyn Thomas, Damien Rylett and Huw Edwards.

The nearest the pins prizes were all won by former pupils Robert Gay, Wayne Thomas and Chris Powell, while the longest drive went to Johnny Hoggett. Those who recorded twos on their cards were Malcom Evans, Johnny Hoggett, Richard Smith, Stephan Edwards, Delon Hau (two) and Chris Powell (two).

The team competition was won by City Travel (95 points). the team was brothers Stuart and Robert Gay, Damian Rylett and Huw Edwards.

In second place was Mulberry Wealth (91), Phillip Payne, Ian Walsh, Peter Brown and Martin Leahy. Third were late team entry of Owen Ruttley, Danny Milton, Simon Fry and Simon Grettin, who also scored 91 but lost on count back.

A young 15-year-old from Tonyrefail Comprehensive School, who was on work experience at the resort, came in as a late replacement for one of the teams. Little did we know at the time that he is a Welsh under-15s and Glamorgan county player with a handicap of two.

He had a fantastic round to win the individual award with 41 points to lift the cup and a first prize of a '2010 sweater'.

*ABOVE: Glyn Thomas, who beat the professional, and Steve Woods, who was third in the individual.*

His name is Delon Hau who had a gross 69 – watch out for this name in the future!

In second place, 10 points behind, was Chris Powell on 32 (19 handicap) and third was Steven Woods (13 handicap) on count back with four others on 31.

During the presentation and a two course meal, the following people were thanked for helping co-ordinating the day – Hugh Williams, Rhys Williams (who presented the prizes), Neil McLean (for his day's efforts helping the professional) and Brynmor Williams (who entertained the group in his own inimitable way).

Thanks also to HRT, Payton, Jewell, Caines, Watts & Morgan, Gaskell & Walker and Neil McLean for their generous sponsorship of the prizes and to Bob Martin of 'Martin Design Consultants' and Ballantines Wine Store for sponsorship of prizes to nearest the pins.

Eleven prizes were raffled and it raised £561 towards the fund. A Cardiff Blues mounted jersey was auctioned for £ 150.

On behalf of the headteacher, governors and the fundraising committee, we would like to thank all concerned for supporting the day and making it a most enjoyable and successful one.

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*ABOVE: Delan Hau (individual winner) presented a 2010 sweater cup and balls from Louise Edwards Vale Resort.*

*ABOVE: 3rd team Simon Grettin, Simon Fry, Owen Ruttley, Danny Milton sporting their 2010 caps.*

**GLAMORGAN FARMERS' GOLF SOCIETY**

# Farmer David masters the course to win

**THE annual 'away day' for members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society was held recently, when 35 members and guests travelled to the most welcoming of venues, Henbury Golf Club in Bristol.**

The morning's 10-hole Texas scramble once again proved a good loosener for the afternoon's individual stableford competition for The PJC International Classic Trophy.

The winning team, with a nett 33.7, was Bryan Wadham, Keith Wilding, Clive and Glyn Thomas

Runners up with a nett 34.3 were Keith Walker, Reg Davies, Tony McCarthy and Bryan Owen.

Following a virtually alcohol-free lunch, the main event of the day began with Gwyn 'Old Wallace' Thomas, given special dispensation by devoted wife Lesley to play on their wedding anniversary – and also celebrating becoming a grandfather, hitting a magnificent drive off the first tee.

Playing partners David Harris, Aubrey Thomas and Godfrey Lewis thought this could be Gwyn's day to end his barren spell.

Unfortunately for Gwyn, a lack of staying power once again proved his downfall, with a few wayward shots on the back nine proving costly.

Llancadle farmer David Williams' late decision to take a well-deserved day's rest from his hectic harvesting schedule was fully vindicated when he collected 37 points to win the PJC International Classic Trophy.

David's success was built around his accuracy on the short holes, with his ball finishing closest to the pin on three of the five par-three holes.

*ABOVE: Trophy winner David Williams deep in concentration.*

Brian Jones and guest Glyn Thomas were the other winners in this section.

Runner up with 36 points was Bryan Owen, who could well have won this event if his ball on the short par-three 7th hole had not been lost in knee high grass.

Ray Howells (36 points but with an inferior back nine) finished third and Neil McLean fourth with 34.

Keith Wilding hit the longest drive of the day to collect the 'James the Butcher' sponsored prize, while generous sponsor John Caines returned home with the 'Premier Turf' sponsored bottle of whiskey by correctly guessing 52 balls would fail to return to the Principality.

The guest section was won by young Daniel Jarvis, whose 38 points included a five-point return on the difficult 471-yard par five fifth hole, when his third shot disappeared down the hole to claim his first ever eagle.

Ever-improving Penllyn farmer Robbie Llewellyn finished runner-up in this section with 35 points.

*Society members are now looking forward to supporting Gino Cocco on his Captain's Day at Llantrisant and Pontyclun Golf Club, scheduled for Thursday, July 8.* **T McC**

# Llantwit junior section win 'Diana' award thanks to rugby coach Chris

**ON Monday, June 28, it was a humbling experience for a delegation from Llantwit Major RFC mini and junior section, because the section had been nominated for a prestigious 'Princess Diana Award' for the community work of coach Chris Pilcher.**

The awards ceremony took place in London`s financial capital, Canary Wharf, and was attended by more than 100 people, including celebrities.

The section had been nominated in the certificate of excellence category for its community work and fundraising. The chairman and vice chairman, Richard Godwin and Martin Pilcher, made the trip along with coach Chris Pilcher, and players Luke Pilcher and Steff Godwin.

With thousands of nominations, the section had made it into the final 12, and it was a proud moment when the section's name was announced as one of the winners.

On receiving the award the delegation, thanked everyone in the section who had helped with all the fundraising that had taken place, and pointed out that the award belonged to them.

*ABOVE: Members of Llantwit Major mini and junior section picked up a 'Diana' award in London recognising local community work in the town.*

# Further success in the saddle for local trainers

***KOPYLOVA*, a seven-year-old chestnut mare, trained at Aberthin by Tim Vaughan, landed the three-mile novices handicap hurdle at Worcester last week.**

Well ridden by Richard Johnson, *Kopylova*, who was winning for the second time in just two runs for his new trainer, won by half-a-length from *Filippo Lippi,* partnered by the legendary A P McCoy.

Vaughan has certainly worked the oracle with this greatly improved mare which had finished down the field in seven starts for its previous trainer. Owned by Optimracing.co.uk, *Kopylova* went off the 4-1 favourite.

Cowbridge's Bryn Palling is one of the leading trainers at his home track, Chepstow, and last Friday he kept up his good record there when scoring with 9-2 chance *Bidable* who, under Declan Cannon, won by half-a-length from *Cotswold Village* in the last race of the evening.

**BRYN'S 16-1 CHEPSTOW WIN**

***CORRIB*, a seven-year-old bay mare, owned and trained by Cowbridge's trainer Bryn Palling, was a 16-1 winner of the Robert Mondavi Handicap at Chepstow recently.**

In an exciting finish, *Corrib*, well ridden by Neil Chalmbers, won by a head from *Urban Space*, who is trained at Kenfig Hill by John Flint.

A further length and a quarter away in third place was *James Pollard,* who is trained at Bargoed by Bernard Llewellyn, making it a 1-2-3 for Welsh trainers.

**BRIAN LEE**

# Rhoose nippers triumph at the Island Carnival

**RHOOSE Lifeguard Nipper Section, managed by Alan Wadey, won the Llantwit Major Nipper Carnival held at Barry Island on June 27.**

The team, consisting of children aged between eight and 13, worked really hard and pulled together to beat the second placed team by more than 100 points.

The enthusiasm of the whole team, showed over the entire competition.

Even the new members to the club showed a tremendous amount of determination and gained valuable points for the team.

Rhoose medal winners were:

Morgan Strinati - Gold in Board.

Sam Griffin - Gold in Wade, Beach Sprint; Silver in Long Run; Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay, Beach Flags.

Alice Kember - Bronze in Wade.

Becky Thomas - Silver in Long Run.

Brooke Peterson - Gold in Beach Flags.

Emily Parker - Gold in Wade, Taplin Relay.

Evie Wong - Gold in Beach Sprint, Beach Sprint Relay; Bronze in Long Run, Beach Flags.

Oliver Wong - Gold in Board; Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay.

Alisha Hayes - Gold in Taplin Relay, Beach Sprint Relay; Silver in Long Run, Beach Flags.

Alfie Davies – Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay.

Jessica Wadey – Gold in Wade, Board, Taplin Relay, Beach Sprint, Beach Sprint Relay, Long Run, Beach Flags.

Samantha Thomas - Silver in Long Run.

Rhys Garner - Gold in Taplin Relay.

Saul Connelly - Bronze in Beach Sprint, Beach Sprint Relay, Long Run.

Cara Addison-Smyth - Gold in Swim, Taplin Relay; Silver in Long Run; Bronze in Board.

Sophia Strinati - Bronze in Swim.

Ysobelle Williams - Gold in Beach Sprint Relay.

Dyllon Connelly - Gold in Taplin Relay; Bronze in Board, Beach Sprint Relay.

Emma Young - Bronze in Board.

Kate Griffin - Gold in Taplin Relay, Beach Sprint Relay; Silver in Swim, Beach Sprint.

Kelsea Peterson - Gold in Long Run, Beach Flags.

Ben Owen - Gold in Swim, Board, Taplin Relay, Long Run; Silver in Beach Sprint, Beach Flags; Bronze in Beach Sprint Relay.

Erin Hayes - Gold in Long Run.

Laura Braggins - Gold in Board (joint), Taplin Relay, Beach Flags; Silver in Swim.

Rachel Richards - Gold in Board (joint).

Tayla Edgerton - Gold in Beach Sprint Relay.

The overall results for clubs were:

1st Rhoose - 330pts;
2nd Mumbles - 228pts;
3rd Penybont - 190pts;
4th Llantwit Major - 184pts;
5th Rest Bay - 175pts;
6th Aberavon - 98pts;
7th Southerndown - 92pts;
8th Whitmore Bay - 60pts;
9th Porthcawl - 21pts;
10th Cold Knap - 14pts.

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# Opening up the Cadoxton Ponds to disabled anglers

**MORE than £28,000 has been invested into improving the facilities at Cadoxton Ponds to give anglers with disabilities greater access.**

Terry Mosely, chairman of the British Disabled Angling Association (BDAA), and Mike Bishop from Glamorgan Anglers Club, officially opened the new facilities, which means ponds are now more accessible for those anglers in wheelchairs or with mobility problems.

Disabled-friendly ramps have been put in and the existing paths have been upgraded, while the fishing platforms have been remodeled to allow disabled access to the water's edge a spokesman reports.

Glamorgan Anglers Club received a £14,000 sustainable fisheries grant from Environment Agency Wales for the work, matching this with funds from the club.

They also had a £1,000 donation from the Vale Council for fishing equipment to allow more local people to benefit from coaching from the Welsh Federation of Anglers.

In a separate project, Dow Corning has installed dipping platforms around a small pond that is used for educational wildlife studies.

The company has also part-funded additional pathways from its education centre to join up with the Glamorgan Anglers' paths. Other funding for the ponds, which lie adjacent to Dow Corning's Barry plant, has been secured from Environment Agency's Splash Fund, which has been used by the Glamorgan Anglers to purchase angling sets, buoyancy aids for use by juniors around the ponds and first aid courses.

Fifteen pupils with varying disabilities from nearby Palmerston Primary School were the first to put the new equipment through its paces at the official opening of the Cadoxton Ponds' upgraded facilities in the confines of Dow Corning land. New wheelchair-friendly access routes and fishing platforms have been installed after a collaboration project between Dow Corning, the Environment Agency and the Glamorgan Anglers Club.

# A season's best total for the Barry Internationals

**BARRY INTERNATIONALS warmed up for their table topping clash with Llantwit Cavaliers with a crushing 170 run win over Creigiau.**

Janveer with 90 and Saleh with an unbeaten 100 did the damage with the bat as Internationals piled up a season's best of 244 for 2.

Masqood took 4 for 4 as Creigiau slipped to 74 all out in reply.

Saleh's ton set a new league record for the amount of centuries scored in a season, this being the fifth to date.

Creigiau also had the misfortune to play league leaders the Cavaliers the previous evening. But with a damp and lively track helping the bowlers, Creigiau will feel a little disappointed not to have won the game.

After restricting Cavaliers to 105 all out, Julian Griffiths top scoring with 37, and Glyn Thomas taking 3 for 7, Creigiau must have fancied their chances of a fine win.

The Cavaliers attack is not only the most potent but also one of the meanest in the league and they performed heroics to keep the home team to 98 for 7. Andy Morgan top-scored with 23, Jon Cheal returned 3 for 9 to maintain the Cavaliers 2 point lead.

Elsewhere, West End recorded an 86 run win over Cavaliers Colts. Kit Wilson with 55 and Nathan Vann 30, helped West End to a good score of 145/6.

The Colts could not cope with Tommy Miller's bowling and in a rare appearance the West End stalwart took 5 for 5 as the Colts slipped to 59 all out.

At Cardiff, Tynewydd slipped from a highly promising 74 for 1 to 86 all out.

Scott Malpas top-scored with 47 and Roy Rogers helped with 25, but two avoidable run outs and a choice of poor shots doomed the Inn's cause. Ieuan Harry returned 3 for 4 and Gareth Watts 3 for 6 for Cardiff.

Elian Jones (40) led Cardiff to a 7 wicket win, but the Inn were unlucky not to have reduced the winning margin by more as several of the batsmen profited from some lucky escapes.

Penarth beat Barry Wanderers by 4 runs. Batting first they could thank G Davies with 56 and Rob Morgan with 51 for their score of 166 for 3.

Wanderers chased hard but were denied at the death. Andy Fenton knocked a useful 46 not out to keep the visitors in contention while M Anwar took a season's best of 4 for 27.

Barry Athletic ended a run of four defeats with a four run win over Lisvane in an enthralling match at the Island.

That defeat could prove costly for the former champions who now have much ground to make up if they are to retain their title. Significantly, they still have to face Cavaliers and the Internationals in the run-in.

On a good track the bowlers did exceptionally well. Barry were restricted to 117 for 8, Andy Buckland scoring 32 and Alex Curry taking 3 for 24.

In reply, Lisvane lost wickets regularly and eventually fell short by 4 runs in a really good match in which the fairness of the umpires from both teams should be noted.

Faraz top-scored with 25 and there were a brace of wickets apiece for Thomas, Twomey and White.

No results were reported between Pencoed and Cogan and Fontygary versus Dinas Powys.

Llantwit Cavaliers (20) lead Barry Internationals (18) by two points in current league standings.

# Tables turned on GEM writer!

**GEM columnist Brian Lee has interviewed hundreds of people over the years but he was on the other end of the stick, so to speak, when he was interviewed by writer Roy Jones for a full page feature in *The Countryman's Weekly* recently.**

***ABOVE: Brian Lee (left) with John Buckingham, rider of the 1967 Grand National winner, Foinavon.***

Under the heading, 'Profile of a Point-To-Point Correspondent', and a picture which shows Brian sharing a joke with Princess Anne, Jones writes: "He commenced reporting in 1967, and although now in his early 70s, he is still going strong and has no intention of retiring. He has also written articles for *The Sporting Life* and *Horse and Hound*."

Former champion jump-jockey Peter Scudamore said of his book, *History of the Welsh Grand National-from Deerstalker to Supreme Glory*: "An engrossing study that not only documents the history of the great race but also charts the development of National Hunt racing."

Mr Jones goes on to say: "Brian was the first reporter to write articles on Jenny Pitman before she became famous, and likewise on Welsh point-to-point jockeys who made the grade under Rules, such as Carl Llewellyn who won the Grand National on *Party Politics* (1992) and *Earth Summit* (1998), and Hywel Davies who won it on *Last Suspect* in 1985.

"He was also the first writer to recognise the talents of two successful jockeys riding today, Christian Williams and the new wonder-kid Rhys Flint."

Mr Jones goes on to say:

"During his career, he has been warned off two point-to-point courses: firstly, for complaining that there were not enough ladies' toilets, and that the meeting had been taken over by beer swilling idiots.

"Secondly, for being blamed for something he hadn't actually written, which appeared in the *Horse and Hound*."

Mr Jones ends his article with the words: "Speaking personally, I look forward to seeing Brian during the Welsh Point-To-Point season as he is always upfront with the latest news. It's also pleasing to know, and to rub shoulders with, as it were, one of the 'greats' of Welsh Point-To-Pointing! Tally Ho!"

Brian said last week: "I am flattered and, for the record, I started reporting on point-to-points in 1966 not 1967 and I will be 74, God willing, on July 13."

# Local trainer's English double

**Llancarvan's Evan Williams had an across the card double on Sunday.**

*Mutual Respect*, ridden by Adam Wedge, took the Conditional Jockeys' Handicap Chase at Southwell and *Beyond*, partnered by champion jockey AP McCoy, the Juvenile Hurdle at Stratford.

Aberthin's Tim Vaughan also had a winner at Southwell. His six-year-old *The Ferbane Man*, who was winning for the third time this season, landed the novice chase under Tom Scudamore.

**BRIAN LEE**

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# Cadoxton Tae Kwon Do compete at Welshpool

*Back row: Jamie Halford, Jon Hawkins, Morganne Gomez Jones. Middle row: Matthew Bennett, Thomas Haysham, Charlotte Sullivan, Bradley Halford. Front row: Ollie Tipples, Morgan Stavert Hawkins, Hayley Mattey and Lucy Newman.*

**THE Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do attended the third of a series of six Welsh masters' tournaments, this time in Welshpool.**

The students representing Cadoxton once again did their instructors and parents proud, bringing home a collection of 23 trophies.

As usual, young Lucy Newman got the club off to a good start, taking third in the junior pattern section. She continued her success by taking second in the continuous and in the point sparring categories.

Jamie Halford came away with first in continuous and first in point sparring. Not to be outdone by his older brother, Bradley Halford also took first place in both the point and continuous sparring categories.

Thomas Haysham was first in continuous and second in point sparring. Liam Rees was first in continuous and third in point sparring. Matthew Bennett was first in point and second in continuous sparring. Ollie Tipples was first in point and third in continuous sparring. Morgan Stavert Hawkins was second in both the continuous and point sparring.

Charlotte Sullivan was first in point sparring. Hayley Mattey took first in point and second in continuous sparring. Hayley also fought up a category and came away with a credible third in the points.

Having some hard fights, Jonathan Hawkins came away with second in continuous sparring, having just lost out on a place in the point sparring. Morganne Gomez Jones also came away with third place in the continuous sparring category.

*The school trains at Victoria Park Community Centre. For further information, telephone Ron Thomas on 01446 406372.*

**MASTER RON THOMAS**

# Centre starts to bear fruit

**THERE are high hopes for the future of basketball in the Vale after a promising start for the county's new basketball development centre.**

Set up during the winter, the development centre brings together the most talented local teenage boys to develop their potential with professional coaching in an organised set-up.

The centre was created by Andrew Leftey, the head of boys PE at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, and Ben Williams, the Vale Council's 5x60 manager.

Ben commented: "The centre currently caters for boys at under 14 and 15 level but will be extended next season so that anyone aged from year-8 up to year -11 will be able to try out for the squads at trials in the autumn."

*You can find out more about the Vale basketball development centre and the 5x60 scheme by calling Ben Williams on 07725 829801.*

# Vale karate youngsters continue to develop

**DEVELOPMENT was the goal as almost 150 young Vale Karate students between the ages of four and 11 took part in the latest competition at the YMCA Hub in Barry.**

None of Vale Karate's squad members competed, giving all competitors a chance, and with twenty categories contested, many also had their first taste of success.

Chief instructor Rob Copeland was thrilled with the entry and the potential shown by many children.

"The aim of this event was to broaden the horizon for the youngsters, showing them what the competitive aspect of Karate entails, with the vast majority reporting that they thoroughly enjoyed the occasion."

A trio of Vale Karate's most successful young champions' Ewan Albright, Nick Sherrin and Chloe Fry also travelled to Wolverhampton to compete at the Central England Open.

At only eight, Ewan is Vale Karate's newest and youngest squad member but showed his potential in April, winning two gold medals at this year's Welsh 'Closed' Championships.

*Under-8 Kata medallists, Chris Slack, Ben Harris and Jack George.*

In Wolverhampton he was a little too inexperienced to reach the medals, losing to a strong French competitor in Kata and to one of England's top youngsters in the Kumite.

Nick and Chloe had also entered both Kata and Kumite events, and underlining Vale Karate's all-round ethos; both found the podium in each.

The pair met in the semi-final of the 10-12 Mixed Kata event where Nick earned a narrow 2-1 win to reach a place in the final. However he was beaten there, like Ewan, losing to a French youngster, to take the silver medal.

It was the Kumite events however, that both youngsters truly shone.

*Champions at the Central England Open, Chloe Fry and Nick Sherrin.*

Chloe at just 11, a former Commonwealth Karate champion, won the Under 12 Girls category, with Nick, a double Welsh Champion last year, taking gold in the Boys U-14 event.

Both are now in final preparations as part of Vale Karate's squad who will be travelling to Glasgow's Kelvin Hall next week for the British International Open Championships.


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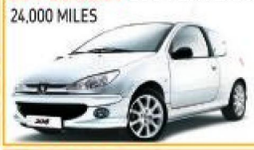

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# Cowbridge athletes break old school records!

**THE first round of the Cardiff and Vale Schools Cup was held at Leckwith International Stadium, Cardiff.**

Cowbridge Comprehensive School competed against Whitchurch, Stanwell, Fitzalan and St Richard Gwyn, and the school put up a high class performance in winning the team event by 51 points.

Two new records were broken, by Tom Trotman (year-7) in the 200 metres (26.3 seconds), and George Griffiths in the long jump, increasing his own record from 5.54 metres to 5.95.

## Individual performances

| A Race | | position | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 100 metres | George Griffiths | 1 | 12.2 secs |
| 200 metres | Tom Trotman N/R | 1 | 26.3 secs |
| 300 metres | Joseff Gaughan | 3 | 43.3 secs |
| 800 metres | Kristian Jones | 3 | 2m 39 secs |
| 1,500 metres | Cameron Jones | 1 | 5m 06 secs |
| 75m hurdles | Brad Rosser | 1 | 12.8 secs |
| 4x100m relay | Harri Dowell-Bennett, Tom Trotman, Joseff Gaughan, George Griffiths | 1 | 50.3 secs |
| High jump | Tom Trotman | 1 | 1.45 m |
| Long jump | George Griffiths | 1 | 5.95m N/R |
| High jump | Liam Martin | 1 | 9.50 m |
| Shot | Josef Gaughan | 1 | 12.18m |
| Javelin | Harri Stubbington | 1 | 27.57 m |
| discus | Harri Dowell-Bennett | 1 | 29.78 m |
| **B Race** | | | |
| 100 metres | Harri Dowell-Bennett | 1 | 12.6 secs |
| 200 metres | Oliver Evans | 3 | 28.9 secs |
| 300 metres | James Smart | 3 | 46.7 secs |
| 800 metres | Cai Allin | 2 | 2m 45 secs |
| 1,500 metres | Tom Owen | 1 | 5m 20 secs |
| 75m hurdles | Tyler Rogers | 1 | 14.2 secs |
| High jump | Declain Thomas | 1 | 1.40 m |
| Long jump | Cameron Jones | 2 | 4.35m |
| High jump | Gabe Shires | 1 | 9.20m |
| Shot | William Mathews | 2 | 9.00m |
| Javelin | Lloyd Elms | 2 | 19.69m |
| Discus | Gregory Jerwood | 1 | 23.41m |

**Team results**

1st, Cowbridge – 188 points.
2nd, Whitchurch – 137 points.
3rd, Stanwell – 136 points.
4th, Fitzalan – 119 points.
5th, St Richard Gwyn School – 85 points.

## Cup finals

Having qualified for this eight-team final event, the school team were hopeful of a good performance to reach the Welsh Cup Finals in Brecon – this they did convincingly, winning by 30 points.

Three more school records were broken, first by Tom Trotman in the 200 metres, increasing his personal record from the previous week by 0.3 seconds to 26.0 seconds.

The year-8 relay record of 50.0 seconds has stood for 22 years, but the quartet of Harri Dowell-Bennett, Tom Trotman, Josef Gaughan and captain George Griffiths took 1.10 seconds off to record an outstanding time of 48.9 seconds.

The high jump record has stood for 24 years at 1.52 metres by Ceri Payne, but Tom Trotman increased that by 6 cms to 1.58 metres.

## Individual performances

| A Race | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 100 metres | George Griffiths | 1 | 12.0 secs |
| 200 metres | Tom Trotman N/R | 2 | 26.0 secs |
| 300 metres | Josef Gaughan | 1 | 41.9 secs |
| 800 metres | Joshua Thomas | 2 | 2.29.5m |
| 1,500 metres | Cameron Jones | 3 | 4.57.6m |
| 75m hurdles | Brad Rosser | 1 | 13.5 secs |
| High jump | Tom Trotman | 1 | 1.58m |
| Long jump | George Griffiths | 1 | 5.42m |
| High jump | Liam Martin | 2 | 9.45m |
| Shot | Josef Gaughan | 1 | 11.54m |
| Discus | Harri Dowell-Bennett | 2 | 27.52m |
| Javelin | Harri Stubbington | 5 | 27.36m |
| 4x100m relay | Harri Dowell-Bennett, Tom Trotman, Josef Gaughan, George Griffiths N/R | 1 | 48.9 secs |
| **B Race** | | | |
| 100 metres | Harri Dowell-Bennett | 1 | 12.5 secs |
| 200 metres | Oliver Evans | 4 | 28.2 secs |
| 300 metres | James Smart | 3 | 44.8 secs |
| 800 metres | Kristian Jones | 2 | 2.34.7m |
| 1,500 metres | Tom Owen | 2 | 5.17.5m |
| 75m hurdles | Tyler Rogers | 2 | 14.1 secs |
| High jump | Declain Thomas | 1 | 1.40m |
| Long jump | Joshua Thomas | 1 | 4.54m |
| High jump | Gabe Shires | 4 | 8.72m |
| Shot | Will Mathews | 3 | 8.67m |
| Discus | Greg Jerwood | 1 | 24.36m |
| Javelin | Brad Rosser | 6 | 19.28m |

**Team event**

1st, Cowbridge Comprehensive School – 302 points.
2nd, Cardiff High School – 272 points
3rd, Radyr Comprehensive School – 238 points.
4th, Barry Comprehensive School – 228 points.
5th, Whitchurch High School – 220 points.
6th, Bro Morgannwg – 196 points.
7th, Llanishen – 183 points.
8th, Llantwit Major Comprehensive School – 162 points.

*Year-7 and year-8 county champions.*

Junior championships at Leckwith International Stadium, Cardiff saw several year-8 pupils compete with year-9.

| Name | Event | Place | Record |
|---|---|---|---|
| Joshua Thomas | 800 metres | 16th | 2.36.2m |
| Harri Dowell-Bennett | Discus 1.25kg | 11th | 21.05m |
| Harri Stubbington | Javelin 600gm | 5th | 26.34m |
| Cameron Jones | 1,500m | 5th | 5.03.1m |
| George Griffiths, Harri Dowell-Bennett, | 4x100 relay | 5th | 50.8 secs |
| George Griffiths | 100m | 2nd | 12.5 secs |
| George Griffiths | Long jump | 2nd | 5.54m |
| Josef Gaughan | Shot 4kg | 1st | 10.84m |

This was a new school record, beating the Glamorgan cricketer Ben Wright by 20cms.

*Josef Gaughan and George Griffiths have been selected to represent the county at the Welsh Schools Championships.*

## Year-7 sports day

**DUE to the Normandy visit, year-7s had their own sports day on the lower school fields at Cowbridge.**

In the girls events, Elly Eddie Williams completed the sprint double, winning the 100m (14.3) and 200m (33.5).

Nadine James won the 800m (3.05) from Alice Tudor (3.10), and Eve McGoven won the hurdles (12.8) from Ellie Medlicott (13.7)

In the jumps, Laurie Thomas won the long jump (3.45) and Brooke Langton Cryer the high jump (1.25).

In the throws, Hannah Lister Sims won the javelin (18.03m), Paige Williams (7.30) shot putt, and Megan McNamee the discus (18.90).

The red team won the relay convincingly. In the girls team results, the red team came first (221), second yellow (204), third blue (162), green fourth (154).

In the boys events, Tom Trotman won the 100m in 13.4. The 200m was won by Joseph Treharne (30.4). The 80m was won by Christian Jones in 2m52.4 and he also won the hurdles in 11.6.

Tom Trotman had a busy day, also winning the high jump in 1.45m, the long jump with 4.40m and the shot putt with 9.15m. Michael Milarney won the javelin (25.09m) and Dan Oddy the discus (18.70m).

In the relay, the red (Tusker) team took a surprise win from the yellow (Dunraven) team.

The boys team event was narrowly won by yellow (208), second red (205), third green (203), fourth blue (174).

Overall, putting the girls and boys team events together, it was: 1st, red 426, 2nd, yellow 409, 3rd, green 357, 4th, blue 246.


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05 **05 JAGUAR X-Type V6 Auto SE** in Jaguar British Racing Green met with oatmeal leather, heated seats, front and rear parking sensors, alloy wheels, climate control, only 41,780 miles .....**£8.495**

04 **54 MERCEDES Benz CL500 5 litre 2-dr Auto coupe.** In tanzanite blue with java leather interior with BOSE sound system, AMG body styling, electric sunroof, only 48,245 miles .....**£17,500**

04 **04 PORSCHE 911 Carrera Cabriolet.** In lapis blue with full metropole leather, heated electric sports seats, sat nav, phone prep, upgraded wheels, sports exhaust, climate control, cruise control, BOSE stereo upgrade, full service history, only 42,771 miles .....**£25,995**

04 **04 AUDI A4 Cabriolet 2.5 TDi Sport.** In brilliant blue with pearl dark blue Nappa leather interior, cliamte control, sat nav, heated front seats, service history, only 43,400 miles .....**£12,995**

03 **03 BMW 3 Series 2.0 318Ci SE Convertible.** In light yellow metallic, with full black leather interior, electric heated seats with memory, cruise control, climate control, rear parking sensors, 18" Msport alloy wheels, only 55,615 miles .....**£11,995**

03 **03 BMW 330 Ci 2-Door Convertible.** In Topaz blue with grey Montana interior, 6-CD multi-changer, heated seats, automatic air con, cruise control, rear parking sensors, only 55,130 miles .....**£11,995**

02 **51 MERCEDES BENZ C-Class 2.0 C180 Sport Coupe** in brilliant silver met with Ascot interior, dual zone climate control, cruise control, auto lights, cd, alloy wheels, only 70,647 miles.....**£6,995**

## SPORTS

09 **09 MINI 1.6 (120bhp) Cooper (Pepper) Graphite** In graphite grey with black interior, storage compartment package, 2 spoke leather steering wheel, air con, CD, only 6,570 miles .....**£14,495**

09 **58 VAUXHALL Astra 1.8 SRI Sporthatch.** In technical grey met with silver alpha interior, air con, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, rear spoiler, trip computer, only 26,770 miles .....**£10,995**

07 **57 HYUNDAI Coupe 2.0 SIII** in steel grey with full red leather interior, climate control, sunroof, cruise control, alloy wheels, only 23,600 miles.....**£10,495**

07 **07 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 2.0 TDi DPF (170PS) GT Sport 5-dr** in met shadow blue with full Vienna leather heated seats, sunroof, climate, I-pod dock, 18 inch Charlston alloy wheels, only 37,111 miles .....**£13,995**

07 **07 SEAT Leon 2.0 TDi DPF FR 5-dr Hatchback.** In black magic with FR grey interior, cruise control, air con, traction control system, ESP, only 36,598 miles .....**£13,495**

06 **56 VOLKSWAGEN Golf 1.4TSi (170ps) FT 5-dr** in reflex silver metallic with siemere anthracite interior, climatic air con, front fogs, alloy wheels, cd, only 49,998 miles.....**£10,995**

06 **56 HONDA Civic 1.8i V-tec Type-S 3-dr Hatchback.** In alabaster silver with alcantara/suede interior, climate control, CD, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, only 24,405 miles .....**£10,495**

05 **55 FORD Street Ka 1.6 Luxury 2-dr Convertible.** In French blue with ebony black leather interior, air con, cd, quick clear front screen, only 21,720 miles.....**£5,995**

04 **04 TOYOTA MR2 1.8 VVTi 140 6-spd** in sable grey met with Santa Monica leather, alloy wheels, chrome roll over bar, wind deflector, cd, alarm and immobiliser, only 49,750 miles .....**£7,995**

04 **54 AUDI A3 2.0TDi Sport 3-dr Hatchback.** In crystal blue with matrix black cloth/leather, cd, alloy wheels, climate control, electronic stability programme, only 64,000 miles.....**£9,995**

04 **54 MITSUBISHI Shogun Sport 2.5 TD 5-Dr Station Wagon.** In black Mica with black leather interior, air con, alloy wheels, CD, immobiliser, only 54,530 miles .....**£8,995**

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04 **54 MG TF 1.8 135 Convertible.** In ignition blue with anthracite Sebring interior, alloy wheels, cd player, alarm and immobiliser only 27,100 miles .....**£4,995**

04 **04 AUDI TT Roadster, 1.8T Quattro (180bhp) 2-dr Convertible.** In cherry black with black leather interior, 18" alloy wheels, BOSE sound system, traction control system, front fogs, only 35,200 miles .....**£11,995**

04 **04 CITROEN C2 1.6 VTR Sensodrive** in arctic steel silver with neutron mesh interior, paddle shift, alloy wheels, air con, colour coded bumpers, rear spoiler, cd, only 62,100 miles .....**£4,295**

03 **53 MG TF 1.8 135bhp 2-door Convertible.** In starlight silver with black interior, alloy wheels, body coloured bumpers, CD, electric windows, only 30,845 miles .....**£4,495**

02 **02 AUDI TT Roadster 1.8T Quattro (225bhp) 2-dr Convertible.** In silver with special edition grey leather interior, Bose sound system, heated seats, alloy wheels, climate control, only 70,620 miles .....**£9,995**

02 **02 MG ZS 2.5 180.** In anthracite black, with monaco ash interior with red inserts, alloy wheels, a/c, cd, colour coded bumpers, front fogs, alarm and immobiliser, only 62,310 miles .....**£2,995**

01 **Y Mitsubishi Shogun 3.2 DI-D GLX LE LWB.** In metallic silver with blue velour interior, cd, alloys, air con, electric windows/mirrors, alarm and immobiliser, only 88,471 miles .....**£6,495**

00 **W LEXUS IS200 2.0 Sport 4-Door Saloon.** In Strathcarn blue with Oakham suede/leather interior, multi-CD, electric heated seats, electric sunroof, air con, only 57,280 miles .....**£4,495**

## FAMILY

08 **08 VAUXHALL Astra 1.6 Breeze 5-dr** in star silver met with tabita charcoal interior, alloy wheels, climate control, trip computer, body coloured bumpers, only 10,800 miles .....**£9,495**

07 **57 NISSAN QashQai 2.0dCi Tenka 5-dr AWD.** In pearl black metallic, with full graphite leather interior, alloy wheels, climate control, cruise control, cd with bluetooth, heated seats, rear parking sensors, panoramic sunroof, only 37,267 miles .....**£15,995**

07 **57 CITROEN C3 1.4 HDi Cool 5-dr hatchback** in Arctic silver with Galand black interior, air con, cd, immobiliser, £35 a year road tax, one owner, only 37,845 miles.....**£6,995**

07 **07 RENAULT Clio 1.4 16v 98 Dynamique 5-dr Hatchback.** In mercury silver with carbon sport interior, air con, CD, front fogs, alarm, only 15,060 miles .....**£7,295**

06 **06 FORD Focus Zetec Climate 1.8 TDCi Diesel 5-Dr Hatchback.** In black with dark interior, alloy wheels, air con, CD, colour coded bumpers, only 61,199 miles, quick clean screen.....**£6,995**

05 **55 RENAULT Megane 1.6 16v Dynamique** in met platinum silver with ruche cloth interior, auto lights, auto wipers, air con, cd, clour coded bumpers, only 16,380 miles.....**£5,795**

05 **05 HONDA Civic 1.7 CDTi** in magnetic blue with hatch fabric interior, alloy wheels, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 55,130 miles .....**£6,495**

05 **05 CITROEN C3 1.4 Desire 5-dr hatchback.** In oriental blue with blue/black Tomy interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, immobiliser only 39,840 miles .....**£4,295**

05 **05 RENAULT Grand Scenic 1.6vvt 115 Rush 5-dr hatchback.** In met blue with grey interior, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, 7 seats only 41,240 miles .....**£5,495**

04 **54 BMW 3 Series 2.2 320i Sport Touring 5-Dr Estate.** In silver grey with black suede interior, automatic air con, sat nav, rear parking sensors, CD, only 33,170 miles .....**£9,995**

04 **54 FORD Mondeo 2.0 Ghia 5-dr Hatchback.** In platinum silver with aras ebony interior, front and rear fogs, cruise control, multi cd, quick clear windscreen, only 51,140 miles .....**£4,995**

04 **54 CITROEN C3 stop&start 1.4 5-dr Automatic Hatchback.** In silver with blue velour interior, air con, cd, alloy wheels, only 29,920 miles .....**£4,495**

04 **04 TOYOTA Avensis 2.0 VVTi T-Spirit Auto 4-dr Saloon.** Silver fern, st moritz charcoal leather, map gps nav system, climate, cruise, electric seat adjustment, only 55,065 miles .....**£6,495**

04 **04 FORD Focus 1.6i 16v Zetec 5-dr Hatchback.** In panther black with Saloman black interior, climate pack which includes air con and quick clear heated front screen, alloys, colour coded bumpers, only 83,060 miles .....**£4,395**

03 **03 HONDA Civic Type S 5-dr** in clover green met with half leather sports seats, climate control, alloy wheels, rear spoiler, full Honda service history, only 36,030 miles .....**£5,695**

02 **51 TOYOTA Corolla 1.6 VVTi GLS Automatic 5-dr.** In Atlantis blue metallic with hocney interior, alloy wheels, air con, sunroof, cd auto-changer, body coloured bumpers, only 34,790 miles .....**£3,495**

01 **51 MERCEDES Benz A-Class 1.4 A140 Avantguard 5-dr hatchback.** In red with slate grey half leather/cloth interior, cd, ipod connection, air con, alloy wheels, service history, only 47,790 miles .....**£3,995**

01 **Y AUDI A4 2.0 SE Saloon.** In metallic silver with full beige leather interior, climate control, CD, alloy wheels, electric sunroof, full Audi service history, only 33,005 miles .....**£4,995**

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09 **09 VAUXHALL 1.4 16v Design (a/c) 5-dr Automatic Hatchback.** In black with black interior, cd, alloy wheels, electric mirrors and windows, auto dipping rear view mirror, only 8,020 miles .....**£10,995**

09 **09 VAUXHALL Corsa Club A/C 1.2 16v 5-Dr.** In black sapphire, with cable charcoal interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, CD, alarm and immobiliser, auxiliary output, only 18,218 miles .....**£8,495**

09 **09 CHEVROLET Aveo LT 1.4** in pearl black with bricket cloth, aircon, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, alarm and immobiliser, cd, only 16,900 miles .....**£6,995**

08 **58 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Design (A/C).** 5 door in ice blue with dark interior, air con, MP3 input, colour coded bumpers, front fog lights, only 19,950 miles.....**£8,495**

08 **08 FORD KA Studio.** In panther black with cascade interior, immobiliser, CD, drivers airbag, central locking, only 32,349 miles.....**£4,995**

08 **08 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style climate 3-dr hatchback.** In panther black with ebony interior, quick clear front screen, air con, cd, colour coded bumpers, only 23,275 miles.....**£6,495**

07 **07 RENAULT Clio Dynamique 1.4 5-dr Hatchback.** In silver with black interior, alloy wheels, colour coded bumpers, fog lights, only 37,550 miles.....**£6,995**

07 **07 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2i 16v life (a/c) 3-dr hatchback easy tronic.** In metro blue with punch cloth charcoal interior, electric mirrors, air con, immobiliser, service history, only 17,900 miles .....**£6,495**

06 **06 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Extreme 3-dr Hatchback.** In platinum silver with grey interior, alloy wheels, steering wheel mounted audio controls, colour coded bumpers, CD, only 19,860 miles .....**£5,995**

06 **55 FORD Fiesta 1.25 Style Climate 3-dr.** In tonic blue with Kyoto ebony interior, air con, quickclear front screen, cd, trip computer, colour coded bumpers, only 41,820 miles.....**£5,295**

06 **06 FORD Ka 1.3 Collection.** In panther black with Tic-Toc interior, cd, body coloured bumpers, immobiliser, only 30,866 miles.....**£4,195**

04 **53 VAUXHALL Corsa 1.2 16v Active 3-Dr Hatchback.** In ultra blue with points charcoal interior, air con, colour coded bumpers, CD and alloy wheels, only 62,825 miles .....**£3,395**

03 **53 MINI Cooper 1.6 Pepper.** In pure silver met with Kaleido half leather interior, panormaic sunroof, alloy wheels, cd, body coloured bumpers, only 49,540 miles .....**£6,995**

03 **03 MINI Cooper Chilli 1.6 3-Dr Hatchback.** In pure silver with anthracite/black panther cloth/leather interior, interior light package, chrome line exterior, air con, CD, only 36,975 miles .....**£6,995**

03 **03 RENAULT Clio 1.2 16v Expression 5-Dr Hatchback.** In capsicum red with grey interior, CD, sunroof, power steering, service history, only 58,105 miles .....**£3,295**

01 **Y VOLKSWAGEN Polo 1.4S 3-dr.** In reflex silver met with Pepe interior, sunroof, body coloured bumpers, cd, immobiliser, full VW service history, only 68,350 miles .....**£3,495**

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# WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE IN THE VALE?

Sodexo Limited – **East Camp, MoD St Athan** – temporary five-year planning permission for the construction of a new pedestrian and vehicular access from Eglyws Brewis Road to serve the existing medical and dental centre on East Camp, together with the association relocation of the security fence.

Mr John Galliford – **24 Kingsland Crescent, Barry** – conversion of dwelling to two one-bedroom flats.

Mr Stenstrom – **The Cottage (formerly Railway View), Ogmore Down Common, St Brides Major, Bridgend** – conservatory to south elevation.

Mr and Mrs MT Whittle – **The Darren, 7 Craig Y Eos, Ogmore by Sea** – attached garage, to replace detached garage.

Ms Kim Cuddihy – **30 Cae'r Odyn, Dinas Powys** – proposed ground and first floor extension.

Mr Anthony Evans – **Llandow Circuit, Llandow** – construction of single storey pitched roof toilet block and removal of existing temporary toilet block.

Ms Heather Gunter – **12 Brookfield Avenue, Barry** – two storey side extension to form a lounge, utility room and two bedrooms.

Mr Max Brown – **24a Wick Road, Ewenny** – proposed dwellings and extensions adjoining 24a Wick Road, Ewenny.

Dr Jonathan Evans – **13 Marine Parade, Penarth** – install rooflights in existing single storey kitchen at rear of property.

Stephen Mayled – **Cottage Farm, Michaelston-Le-Pit** – demolish existing office/stables.

Miss Kelly Martin – **17 River Walk, Penarth** – installation of Velux window to rear of house.

Mr Stephen Mayled – **Cottage Farm, Michaelston-Le-Pit** – demolish existing office/stables. Construct one detached dwelling.

Sankai Restaurant – **46 Plassey Street, Penarth** – home delivery service for a temporary period of six months, and hot food takeaway sales between 6pm-10.30pm everyday, except Sundays and Mondays.

Mr R Drake – **White Oaks, Half Moon, Port Road, Wenvoe** – first floor extension to enlarge existing bedroom.

Mr Anthony Williams – **Avondale, 80 Dobbins Road, Barry** – demolition of single storey flat roof toilet and construct a single storey extension to accommodate two bedrooms.

Ty Hafan Children's Hospice – **Ty Hafan Children's Hospice, Hayes Road, Sully** – single storey extension to existing spa room.

Tesco Stores Limited – **Tesco Stores Limited, Culverhouse Cross, Cardiff** – installation of one 2.8m bi-parting telescopic door and one 2.2m telescopic door to the main store entrance and two new 2.7m bi-parting telescopic doors to either side of the lobby where structural openings are currently present. The existing EAS security is to be relocated to suit, and the existing internal furniture also. The existing 'goalpost' feature is to be removed.

Mr and Mrs Thomas – **Maes Melyn, Westgate, Cowbridge** – demolition of existing house and construction of new house as approved under Planning Permission 2008/00999/FUL.

Mr and Mrs K Rosser – **176 Jenner Road, Barry** – conversion of existing dwelling into two self-contained apartments including single storey extension to side.

Mr James Bryant – **land adjacent to 91 Main Road, Ogmore by Sea** – erection of one detached dwelling.

Mrs Sally Ferriday – **72 Greenacres, Barry** – first floor extension, dormer window, porch extension.

Mr and Mrs JM Pearce – **Primrose View, St Quentin's Close, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – alteration and extension of existing bungalow to provide additional accommodation at first floor level. Provision of new attached garage.

Sir and Lady Geoffrey Inkin – **Castle Upon Alun House, St Brides Major** – erection of timber and double glazed conservatory.

Openreach – **side of 46 Stanwell Road, Penarth (site in Grove Terrace)** – fibre optic modular cabinet.

Mr Clive Francis – **6 Twyn Yr Eglwys, Colwinston** – two storey extension to existing dwelling providing new kitchen, dining room and ensuite bedroom. Variation to current approval 2010/00188/FUL.

Mr Geoffrey Powell – **1 Court Close, Aberthin** – erection of bedroom and ensuite above existing garage.

Mrs Helen Ann Trigg – **80 Victoria Road, Penarth** – dormer windows to front and rear elevations.

Mrs Maggie Knight – **Penarth Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth** – fixing of fascia signs onto the front of the pavilion building and one to the rear to request support of the renovation of the pier building.

Mrs JA Johnson – **1 Heol Pentre Felin, Llantwit Major** – extension above existing garage including loft conversion.

Mrs Louise Smith – **1 Rookery Wood, Sully** – fell m/stem pine and reduce limbs on second pine, along left side towards rear.

Mr Stuart Field – **Lower House Farm, Rhoose, Road, Rhoose** – retention of existing timber garage.

Mrs Sarah Perez – **27 Seaview Drive, Ogmore by Sea** – two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and overall refurbishment on ground and first floor.

Mr Paul Fisher – **The Reading Room, Bonvilston** – four ash to side on neighbouring land: crown raise to 4.5 metres, shorten limbs by 2-3 metres.

Miss Justine O'Dare – **13 Heol Ger y Felin, Llantwit Major** – construct single storey extension to side of dwelling.

Professor Alan Smith – **Crossways, Twyncyn, Dinas Powys** – proposed extension to front elevation.

Beechwood Court Ltd – **Beechwood College, Hayes Road, Sully** – variation of condition 3 of approval reference 07/00841/FUL in relation to alternative amended plans for the scheme.

Cardiff Treescapes – **The Turner Gallery, Plymouth Road, Penarth** – one sycamore at rear of gallery. Crown by overall reduction of 3m. Reduce weight, reduce crown every three years.

Mr Mark Gale – **41 Gwenfo Drive, Wenvoe** – alterations to application 2009/00904/FUL – extend width of two storey side extension only.

Mr Rhodri Smith **– 11 Court Close, Aberthin** – demolition of existing garage/utility. Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension, with internal alterations.

Mr Richard Clarkson – **32 Greenfield Avenue, Dinas Powys** – dormer extension to the rear roof elevation.

Mr M Escott – **32 Cowslip Drive, Penarth** – new single storey garage to rear of property.

Judith Martin and Victoria Griffiths – **plot adjacent to the Old Bakehouse, Greenfield Way, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – new dwelling and garage.


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| **CITROEN Berlingo** | | | | |
| 56 | 1.9D 600Kg Enterprise Diesel | White | 22115 miles | £4,995 |
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| **CITROEN Berlingo Multispace** | | | | |
| 07 | 1.6i 16V Forte 5dr Estate | Red | 37485 miles | £5,495 |
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| 07 | 1.6i 16V SX 5dr Auto Hatch | Silver | 46397 miles | £5,995 |
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| **CITROEN C4 GRAND PICASSO** | | | | |
| 07 | 1.8i 16V VTR Plus 5dr Estate | Mauve | 24388 miles | £9,995 |
| 07 | 1.6HDi 16V VTR Plus 5dr EGS Diesel Estate | Blue | 34294 miles | £10,995 |
| 07 | 1.6HDi 16V VTR Plus 5dr EGS Diesel Estate | Silver | 40906 miles | £10,995 |
| 07 | 1.8i 16V LX 5dr Estate | Silver | 13126 miles | £8,495 |
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| 08 | 2.0HDi 16V Exclusive 5dr EGS [5 Seat] Diesel Estate | Silver | 36302 miles | £12,495 |
| 07 | 1.6HDi 16V VTR Plus 5dr EGS [5 Seat] Diesel Estate | Beige | 20146 miles | £10,995 |
| **CITROEN C5** | | | | |
| 06 | 2.0 HDi 16V VTR 5dr Diesel Estate | Grey | 50000 miles | £6,995 |
| 06 | 2.0 HDi 16V Exclusive 5dr Diesel Hatch | Silver | 35568 miles | £6,995 |
| 10 | 2.0 HDI 16V VTR+ 4dr Diesel Saloon | Grey | 3137 miles | £16,995 |
| 58 | 2.0 HDI 16V Exclusive 4dr Diesel Saloon | Black | 30400 miles | £12,495 |
| **CITROEN Nemo Multispace** | | | | |
| 10 | 1.4i 8v 5dr Estate | Blue | 2800 miles | £8,495 |
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| 59 | 2.2 HDi H1 Van 100ps 30 L1 Diesel | White | 334 miles | £11,995 |
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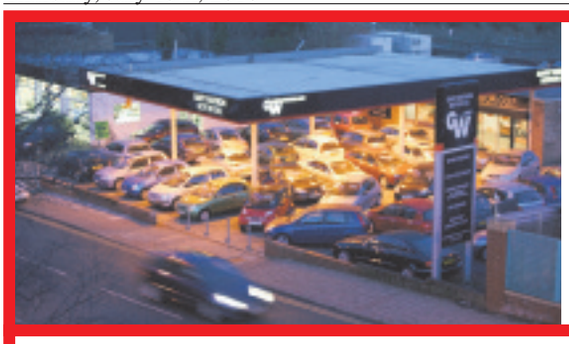

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## MERILAHT–CARNEY PARTNERSHIP IS KEY

# Cowbridge Firsts stutter to victory but extend lead

**THE weather was warm and humid for the First XI match with Landore at the Athletic field on Saturday, which resulted in a victory for the home side, but not before a few frights along the way.**

Tom Merilaht won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first. His side reached 156 runs in 48 overs, with Tom scoring 66 and Rob Carney 53. It is an obvious concern for captain and management that no other batsman managed double figures.

If there is to be promotion at the end of the season this failing will be sorely exposed by better opposition.

Lloyd Bishop opened the batting with his skipper, but did not last very long. His time came later. However, the partnership between Tom and Rob realised 114 much-needed runs.

It was difficult for the pair of them, as they had to repair the damage of that early loss at 4, while attempting to put a decent score on the board. This they managed up to a point.

Coming together in the second over they stayed together for 33 overs making steady, if unspectacular, progress against very tight and hostile bowling.

Scoring was slow and difficult, but they managed to eke out the runs until the 35th over with the score on 118 runs.

At this point, Rob was caught while trying to increase the pace. It was a stubborn innings of grit and determination as he battled to post a decent score. He scored 53 invaluable runs with his captain.

Tom was eventually caught for 66 priceless runs. A leading edge, as he tried to turn the spinner to leg, brought about his downfall. With the demise of these two, all the good work came to an abrupt end with the remaining batsmen scratching around and managing only 25 runs between them. Certainly not the form required from title contenders.

With the score 122-2 after 35 overs, one expected a final total in excess of 250 with eight wickets remaining, but once more the innings ended with a whimper.

The innings ended eventually on 156 in 48 overs with the remaining batsmen guilty of the crime of failing to use the allocated overs. For the visitors, Paul Rees took 4-42 and Neil Williams 4-41.

After tea, with patience, care and application the visitors' innings began and immediately, and predictably, owing to his form of late, Lloyd Bishop rode to the rescue of the home side by reducing the visitors to 18-3 in six overs.

His first four overs were maidens as he captured three valuable top-order batsmen, but there the initial success ended and the fourth wicket did not fall until the 22nd over when Lloyd trapped another batsman. His figures were outstanding, 4-15 in 11 overs at this point.

However, despite his heroics, the situation looked grim for Cowbridge with Landore's skipper still at the crease having scored an unbeaten 58 and leading the charge to the required target.

It would require something special to remove this obstacle and fortunately that 'something special' arrived on cue in the guise of Adam Wood when the score was 95.

A combination of Haines and Wood brought about the batsman's downfall. Rees slog-swept Haines down to 'cow corner' where Adam was patrolling the boundary.

He took a match-changing catch as he back-pedalled to within feet of the boundary while keeping a close eye on a high and swirling ball. With all eyes on him, he grasped the ball above his head making it look all so easy.

It really was a catch that deserved instant replay, but it sufficed that it effectively won the game for Cowbridge and kept Adam in the lead with 13 catches this season.

The batsman was visibly distraught as he realised the chance of victory had disappeared in that moment.

There was just token resistance after that, only from Neil Williams (23), who had a good game with bat and ball, as Landore subsided to 136, to give Cowbridge victory by 20 runs.

Nick Vaile picked up two catches to help see off the opposition, while Will took 3-37, and Tom 3-19, but bowling plaudits are reserved for Lloyd Bishop (4-20 in 15 overs). He just gets better and better with each game.

Despite the fact that the First XI extended the lead at the top of the table to 29 points, this position could be in jeopardy. With stronger opposition to be faced in the coming weeks, the failures in batting and fielding must be addressed as a matter of urgency.

A situation that the skipper is aware of as intimated in his post match comment: "There were some great individual performances that got us through, but we need every player to step up for the remaining big games."

This starts next Saturday when Clydach First XI visits the Athletic field. Your support becomes more vital as the season progresses.

**DL**

### White keeps second team on course

**AFTER last week's nail-biter against Skewen, Cowbridge were keen to secure another victory against Landore in less fraught circumstances than the previous week – however, everyone's nerves were again tested, despite Cowbridge emerging victorious.**

On a muggy and overcast day, the skipper won the toss and decided to bowl first in bowler friendly conditions.

This decision immediately produced results with Rhydian Harris striking early, removing both openers with only 20 runs on the board. However, from this point on things did not go according to plan for Cowbridge.

Despite fine bowling from both Rhydian and John Gilbert, ably supported by James Thomas, Landore began to push the score along.

The home batsmen rode their luck and scrapped and prodded their way toward a total. The fact that they finally finished on 180 all out is not a fair reflection on how well all the Cowbridge bowlers bowled.

This includes Arvind Singhal on his return from Oxford, but special mention must go to Rhydian Harris, who took 5 for 60 off his 15 overs.

At the end of the Landore innings it was felt that this total was 40 to 50 runs more than should have been scored and that Cowbridge would have to apply themselves if this total was to be reached.

The Cowbridge innings started brightly with both Sam Wood and Andrew Finucane putting on nearly 50 runs for the opening partnership. However, both went in the space of an over to bring both James Thomas and captain Jonty Webb to the crease.

They set about building an excellent partnership of more than 70 runs. The batting was sensible and considered, with watchful defence and good shot selection the score began to rise.

James played particularly well, with a wide variety of shots, until he was unfortunately out for a well-made 34 with the score at 120.

The captain and Chris Brace, making a welcomed return after a nasty knee injury, continued to push the run rate along until the captain was out for 43. This prompted a mini collapse with four wickets going down, with two in two balls!

The result was that Cowbridge were 164 for 8 off 41 overs.

Despite the captain's frayed nerves, he should not have worried as Gethin Davies was joined at the wicket by senior pro Colin White.

Both batted superbly in the face of a buoyed up Landore side scenting an unlikely victory.

With only 17 runs to get, both players pushed singles and put away the bad balls, with Colin finally finishing on an excellent 20 not out as he took Cowbridge to the target.

This was a game that obviously Cowbridge were pleased to have won, but it should have been won in a far more convincing manner.

*Next week, the Second XI travels to Clydach hopeful of another victory.*

**JW**

## COWBRIDGE BOWLING CLUB NEWS

# Revenge is sweet after thumping league victory

**THE Cowbridge men's team was particularly keen to do well playing at home on Saturday against the division league leaders Taffs Well.**

Last year, playing at Taffs Well, Cowbridge suffered a heavy defeat on a grass green that had been well watered, and was looking to redress the balance on the home green.

So strong is competition for team places at Taffs Well that it arrived with six reserves!

By the tea interval and 10 ends, Cowbridge was well ahead on three rinks.

On the fourth, Cowbridge only had a one shot lead.

By the 21st and last end, Taffs Well was beaten on all four rinks with Cowbridge scoring a total of 123 shots to the visitor's 50, and Cowbridge gained the maximum 14 points.

Revenge was sweet. Individual team scores as follows:

**Rink one**: Charles Sanders, Brian Elsey, Brian Kent and Byron Richards 32 – Taffs Well 15.

**Rink two**: Terry Dunsworth, John Trott, John Jones and Roger Barwick 28 – Taffs Well 10.

**Rink three**: Roger Brewer, Steve Dickens, Michael Bradley and Norman Wilkinson 29 – Taffs Well 8.

**Rink four**: Mansel Davey, Ron Woolford, Brian Williams and Dennis Snelling 34 – Taffs Well 17.

### Munro Cup

A MEN'S midweek Munro Cup home game should have been played but the opponents from Dinas Powis did not make the trip.

The ladies' team did not have a good week. In the Cowbridge Challenge Shield match at Pencoed, Cowbridge lost out on two of the three rinks and by a total of 20 shots.

Mary Llewellyn leading Kay Edwards at 2, May Jones at 3 and Shirley Williams as skip won on their rink 16-8.

In the other game, a league match played at Millwood, Cowbridge lost on all three rinks and by a total of 35 shots.

Millwood achieved the double by winning the home and away games.

The last junior after-school session takes place this Friday afternoon, although those competing in the two competitions can attend Friday morning sessions during the school holidays.

The junior finals will be held on Sunday, September 12.

**MB**

# Third XI cling on for a battling draw out west

**THE West Wales team set off into gathering cloud last Saturday but settled into a hot and steamy afternoon, sufficient at times to mist up players' glasses.**

Cowbridge won the toss and elected to field, possessing on paper a stronger batting than bowling side, and feeling that to aim at a specific target would help.

Despite the opening bowlers' strenuous efforts, they could make little impact and Ynystawe passed 100 before the first wicket.

It was clear that the rules of limited over cricket demanded that the runs be contained rather than to look for wickets. The welcome return from Bahrain of Guy Parker provided the necessary skills, with only 26 runs conceded from his 12 overs, but the Ynystawe opener scored 122 and they finished on 220 for 6.

Cowbridge did not start well, with two batsmen needing runners after injuries sustained in the first innings. They were 31 for 4 after 18 of their 45 overs, with the return of a well-known Cowbridge name in the form of newcomer Josh Basey (37) providing most of the runs.

In an attempt to steady matters, David Webb (16) put his head down and although it may not have been exciting cricket, the score went up to 73 before Josh was bowled.

This period was enlivened by a contentious decision around Webb being run out while his runner was safely home. The opposition sportingly offered the benefit of the doubt (although subsequent analysis of the rules confirmed that right was on their side), but that may have been encouraged by Cowbridge previously agreeing to a substitution to which Ynystawe were not entitled.

The match continued in a competitive and sporting environment and Cowbridge just managed to make 99 for 9, but a more disciplined approach at the crease would have avoided the considerable risk of being all out and thoroughly defeated.

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